

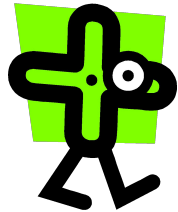


First Grade News



First grade is off to a great start! We have been creating good reading habits by building stamina and strengthening our reading strategies as we read our independent books. We will begin Ready Gen our Reading and Writing Program. Our first anchor text is Stellaluna. We will be working to improve our comprehension by identifying and understanding story elements of a text. We will be retelling stories which include key details and are learning to understand the central message or lesson of the story. Our students are going to be making connections between different texts, characters and themselves.

In Writing, we are learning how details play a role in explaining characters, central message and setting of the story as we create our own personal narratives and learn how to work through the writing process.



Our Go Math program has begun and we are focusing on addition concepts. The children are learning how to add using pictures, cubes and counters. We will begin Unit Two which concentrates on subtraction concepts. They will be engaged in learning how to subtract using pictures, cubes and counters. Prior to each unit, a family letter will be sent home advising you as to how you can help your child at home. At the end of each unit, a review packet will be sent home followed by an assessment in class.

In Foundations, we are focusing on letter recognition, sound and formation. In Unit 2 we will focus on blending and reading 3 sound short vowel words and how to spell them. We are also focusing on punctuation. The trick words for Unit 2 are: *the of and is his of*. At the beginning of each unit, please watch for a family letter that will review with you what to expect for the upcoming unit.

In Social Studies we are learning about the importance of families and holidays. We will focus on why families are important and how they influence who we are. We will be talking about Columbus Day and Halloween

In Science our students are learning about animals through the reading of non-fiction books and they are exploring their 5 senses.



Reminders:
Please make sure to check your child's homework folder each night.

No School:
Monday, October 9th.