

First Grade

CLASSROOM NEWS



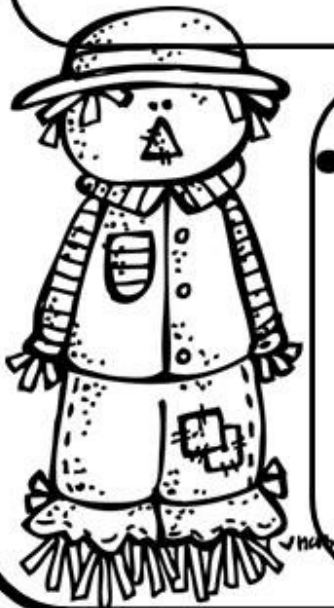
November 2022

A note from the team

We enjoyed meeting with so many of you during parent-teacher conferences. Your child's education truly is a partnership between home and school. We are ready to kick off quarter 2! On the back, you will find the objectives being covered during the month of November.

Suggested At Home Activities

- Counting to 110 by 1's, 5's, 10's
- Counting backwards from 30
- Reading and spelling sight words level C and, are, come, for, got, here, not, play, said, you



Upcoming Dates

November

- 1st Teacher Workday
- 2nd Last day of afterschool programs
- 6th Daylight Savings Time
- 8th Election Day No School
- 8th Report Cards in ParentVue
- 11th Veterans Day Assembly 8:30 a.m.
- 16th PTO Meeting @3:00 p.m.
- 23rd-25th Thanksgiving Break- No School

First Grade Reminders

- The colder weather is arriving! Please dress your child appropriately for outdoor activities.
- Label your child's belongings (lunchbox, water bottle, coat, etc)
- Please remember we are not permitted to share birthday invitations. The classroom directory would be a great resource to utilize when planning these events.
- Please remember your child is allowed to have a water bottle at his/her desk. This should only contain water (no juices, sports drinks, soda, etc).
- Ice cream purchase has been moved to Wednesdays!

Learning Focus

Reader's Workshop:

Students will be starting a reading unit called "Word Detectives". In this unit students will focus on using strategies for high-frequency words and decoding to become more fluent and accurate readers. During the workshop model, students participate in whole group lessons, read independently, partner read, work in strategy groups and confer one on one with the teacher. Students will continue to focus on comprehension by doing book previews and oral retellings.

Phonics:

Students will be starting a phonics unit called "The Mystery of Silent E". Within this unit, we'll be word detectives "solving cases" as we study short vowel words and how the 'silent e' turns them into long vowel words.

Writing:

Students will be completing our Small Moment unit. The next writing unit of quarter 2 will be "realistic fiction". In this unit, students will write a story using made up characters with situations that could happen in real life. The settings are real and the characters could be real people. There is a problem and a solution. The author does not use I, me or my!

Math:

Students will continue to expand their calendar skills as they work on reading and interpreting a calendar. A unit on attributes will be taught. In this unit students will identify, trace, describe, and sort plane figures according to number of sides, vertices, and angles. They will also identify and describe representations of shapes in different environments and explain reasoning. Students will sort and classify concrete objects according to one or two attributes.

Unit (Health, Science, Social Studies):

In science, students will be taught a unit on seasons. The students will investigate and understand that there are weather and seasonal changes. In social science, students will be taught a unit on geography. The students will develop map skills by recognizing basic map symbols, including references to land, water, cities, and roads. Students will use cardinal directions on maps; identify the shapes of the United States and Virginia on maps and globes; locate Washington, D.C., the capital of the United States, and Richmond, the capital of Virginia, on United States map. Students will construct simple maps to include a title, map legend, and compass rose.