



November 2018 First Grade Newsletter



Welcome November!

The weather has changed and winter is almost here. Please remember to send your child to school with a coat, scarf, gloves, etc. Please **label** their clothing and have them practice tying their shoes and zipping their coats. Cold weather is here and we want them to be prepared!

Reminders

*Remember to check your child's homework folder and homework notebook every night.

Please take out old notices and homework.

*Make sure your child completes all homework assignments. Your child should also be reading every night. Please study new and old sight words.

*Send a healthy snack to school every day. Please be mindful of your class' allergies.

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Reading Workshop

This month, we will be finishing our word detective unit, and begin learning about the world by reading nonfiction books. We will be finding and thinking about key words while continuing to build good habits for solving tricky words in our just right books.

Writing Workshop

In Writing Workshop, we will continue writing our "How To" books. We teach someone how to make or do something by giving them step by step directions. We will then launch our Nonfiction Chapter book unit where we will write and teach about many different topics.

Math

In math, we will continue working on understanding addition and subtraction. We will explore doubles facts and fact families.

Social Studies

Children are learning about national holidays and symbols to understand how communities celebrate important people, events and ideas.

Science

In Science, we will be investigating animal and plant defenses. We will observe videos, read, and engage in hands-on experiments!

Upcoming Events

- November 6th: Election Day; no school for students.
- November 8th: PTA meeting: 6:30pm.
- November 12th: School is closed for Veteran's Day.
- November 15th: Parent Teacher Conferences; **11:20a.m. dismissal.**
- November 22nd-23rd: School is closed for Thanksgiving recess.