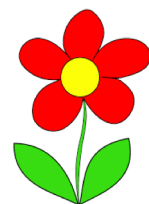


The Fabulous First Grade

Ms. Tantillo, Ms. Sims, Ms. Moore, Ms. R. Bollini and Mr. G



Parent Newsletter – May 2017

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Word Study – In May, we will study vowel digraphs, blends, consonant patterns, and suffixes.

Reading Workshop – In May we continue to study unit 4: Planting for the Future. Readers will understand who is telling a story and how that shapes the story. Learners will explore content to understand that life is a process of growth, change, and learning in which important lessons are taught from generation to generation. Writers understand that narratives contain characters and sequenced events.

*Please continue to read daily with your child – encourage him/her to use print strategies to figure out difficult words and retell the story in sequence (beginning, middle, end). Encourage them to ask questions and then discuss possible responses to their questions.

Writing Workshop – students will compose a narrative with details and a sequence of events.

Math:

Unit 10 – Developing understanding of linear measurement and measuring lengths as iterating length units.

Domain: Measurement and Data, Represent Data

We will be working with analog clocks. Please encourage your child to tell time using an analog clock.

Unit 11 – Reasoning about attributes of, and composing and decomposing geometric shapes.

Domain: Geometry

Technology:

During the month of May your child will continue to focus on both keyboarding and mouse skills, as well as proper use of the Internet. We will be using online tools to help maximize these skills. Along the way, we will work on integrating their literacy and mathematical skills, ensuring that all our students maximize their learning with hands on opportunities to succeed.

What's New in Music and Art?

Ms. LaMorte: Students will analyze Tonality and Meter with 4 new pieces of music and identify/apply proper mallet technique for Orff Barred Instruments with 3 pieces on Macro Beat.

Mr. Cintula (Class 332): Students are reading through arts themed stories, analyzing vocabulary and viewing short films based on the books, followed with a discussion of the characters and the plot of the story.

Ms. Eliot: As the weather gets warmer, we'll be moving outdoors with our songs, exercises, and activities! Please be sure your child is wearing comfortable footwear that they can run in on their Movement day!

*IMPORTANT DATES

5/2 – PEP Your Time

5/7 – PTA hosts Mother/Son Bowling at Showplace

5/9 – PEP: Tough Topic – Suicide

5/10 – Trip to Richmond Town

5/12 – PTA hosts Spring Plant Sale and Fair

5/16 – PEP Your Time

5/16 – Spring Concert (Middle School groups perform), 7:00pm

5/18 – Petrides Street Fair, 5:00-8:00pm

5/18 – Spring Concert (High School groups perform), 7:00pm

5/23 – PEP: Topic – How to create and keep a positive home environment

5/23 – Visit your child's classroom, 12:00pm

5/29 – Memorial Day – No School

5/30 – PEP Your Time

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Please check your child's red dot notebook for nightly homework and notices. Remember to sign their homework.
- Please remember to go through and empty your child's folder each night.
- Students are responsible for any missed work/assignments that occur during their absence.
- Please make every effort to get your child to school on time (8:00 start). Lateness interrupts lessons and causes disruptions in their learning.
- It is very important not to go ahead in workbooks as homework reflects work completed in class.
- Students should be reading 20 minutes each night (even if not written in homework).
- Please make sure your child has 3 sharpened pencils to use each day.
- As always, please label your child's clothing and lunch boxes so they can be returned if misplaced.
- Please continue with donations of tissues and wipes for the classroom. They are appreciated!
- **With the warm weather approaching, please have your child dress appropriately. You might also want to send in a water bottle with your child to limit trips out of the classroom for water.**



PTA News

We are looking for parents to run for positions on the 2017/18 PTA board and also for the SLT (school leadership team). Please let us know if you are interested. New people are welcome and appreciated. Rock em not Sock em event has been postponed.

We are having a Mother Son bowling event May 7th from 1:00-3:00pm at Showplace Bowling. Please look for an updated flyer in your children's folders.

The Kindergarten Fashion Show is Thursday, May 11th.

Our annual Spring Fair will be held Friday, May 12th. We are looking for volunteers to help as always. Contact the PTA if you are interested in helping us.

A Note From Ms. Caccese

Hello Families,

Spring has sprung...let's get outside and enjoy that sunshine! The feeling of excitement is in the air as we near the end of our school year...let's stay focused and bright until then.

We are proud to open our classroom doors to include parents in the exciting learning that is happening at the Petrides School. We would love for you to observe and be a part of some of the special styles and ways your children learn through each day. This includes things like station style learning, small groups/centers and partner work using classroom resources and tools. We encourage you to visit your child's classroom on the grade's assigned date and time included below:

Kindergarten: Monday, May 22nd @ 9:00AM

1ST Grade: Tuesday, May 23rd @ 12:00PM

2nd Grade: Thursday, May 25th @ 9:00AM

3rd Grade: Tuesday, May 23rd @12:45PM

4th Grade: Tuesday, May 23rd @ 10:00AM

Looking forward to seeing you soon, and as always we appreciate YOU and your involvement in our special school!
Ms. Caccese



