



The Fabulous First Grade

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WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Word Study – Students are working with words that follow the bonus letter rule: short vowel one syllable words that end in “f, l, s” and sometimes “z” will have a second “f, l, s, z” added to the word. Examples of such words are: puff, ball, mess, and buzz. Students will also be working with words containing the “glued” sounds “an”, “am”, and “all”.

****Reminder****

*There is a spelling test at the end of each week.
There is a Foundation test at the end of each unit.*

Reading Workshop – Students will be learning strategies they can use to help them read unfamiliar words. They will continue to “wonder” about what is read and ask questions before, during, and after reading to help with understanding. Students will learn effective ways to retell and summarize. They will activate prior knowledge about a topic they read.

*Please continue to read daily with your child – encourage him/her to use print strategies to figure out difficult words, retell the story in sequence (beginning, middle, end), and make predictions before, during, and after reading. Encourage them to ask questions and then discuss possible responses to their questions. As always, please continue to have your child log their daily reading on their reading log.

Writing Workshop – Students will use the Writing Workshop procedures to write an informative piece about family life now and long ago. They will learn methods to gather and record information. Students will incorporate text features and use the revising and editing strategies taught in class. Students will share their writing and publish an informational piece.

A Note From Ms. O’Donnell

“Our new website is up and running. Check out Petridesschool.com for up to date information regarding dates, special events, and our curriculum.”



“Children need models rather than critics.”

---Joseph Joubert

Math:

Unit 3 – Students will explore number stories and patterns, will be introduced to addition and subtraction on a number line, “Frames-And-Arrows” routine, and find the values of dimes, nickels, and pennies.

Social Studies and Science News:

Social Studies: In November we will build on the Families unit from September/October and explore Families and Communities Now and Long Ago – comparing and contrasting life now and then.

Science: Solids, Liquids, Gas; Sink and Float

What’s New in Performing Arts?

Music/Movement: Improvisation and Blot Work; learn and apply major tonality; continuation of exercise dances

***IMPORTANT DATES**

11/12 – Veteran’s Day – School closed.
11/16 – PBIS Assembly – wear a white shirt.
11/19 – Parents as Partners – Reading Nonfiction – 8:15 a.m.
11/22 & 11/23 – Thanksgiving Recess – School closed.
11/30 – November reading logs due.

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Please check your child’s red dot notebook for nightly homework.
- Please sign your child’s homework.
- Please make sure your child has 3 sharpened pencils to use each day.
- Students should be using the “Book-in-a-Bag” program to read books on their level. Please be sure to take care of the books and accompanying materials and remember to return borrowed books.
- Please continue with donations of tissues and wipes for the classroom. They are appreciated.
- As always, please label your child’s clothing and lunch boxes so it can be returned in case it gets misplaced.

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving!

