



The Fabulous First Grade

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WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Word Study – Students will continue their study of long vowel words. Students will become familiar with the various spellings of the long vowel sounds. In addition, students will be introduced to the glued sounds ng and nk consonant blends.

Reading Workshop – Students will read across genres to learn about information books, stories and poems. Students will work on connecting information and ideas across two or more texts on the same topic. Readers continue to use a variety of strategies to figure out tricky words and learn new vocabulary.

*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. Also, encourage your child to read more nonfiction. These can be all-about type books or books about true events and real people. When reading these texts, have your child think about what they already know about the topic before reading and tell what they learned after reading.

Writing Workshop – Students will use what they learn about persuasive writing in the writing workshop to organize and support their opinions as they try to influence others in their home, school and community.



A Note From Ms. O'Donnell

“Happy New Year! Check out www.petridesschool.com for up-to-date information.”



Math:

Unit 4 – Students will continue to review telling time on the hour, half-hour, and quarter-hour, and practice addition facts. In addition, students will investigate place-value concepts for tens and ones, explore addition of two-digit numbers, make up and solve number stories, and be introduced to “What’s My Rule?” routines (Unit 5).

Social Studies and Science News:

Social Studies: Students will continue with how families now and long ago are the same different, how family life changes over time, and how families share their history.

Science: Students will be learning about weather and the seasons.

What’s New in Performing Arts?

Music/Movement: Students will learn about Carl Orff and the Orff Barred Instruments and learn two new dances.

*IMPORTANT DATES

1/18 – Richmondtown trip (more information to follow)

1/21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – School closed

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Please check your child’s red dot notebook for nightly homework.
- Please sign your child’s homework.
- 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.
- Remember to continue logging books on your child’s “Read to Succeed” reading log, which are due **February 15, 2013.**

“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”

---John Dewey



