



The Fabulous First Grade

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Parent Newsletter – February 2018

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Word Study – In February, students will be introduced to consonant blends and the sounds of y as a vowel. They will begin to understand and learn to apply the concept that when two or more consonants come together in a word, the sounds of each consonant is usually heard and that the letter y can represent a vowel sound. They will continue to learn and read high-frequency words in context.

There is a spelling test at the end of each week. Students are responsible for knowing previous weeks and current week words!! Parents are to sign and return test on Monday.

Reading Workshop – February theme: “Observing the Messages of the Natural World”.

A: Readers will identify describing words and phrases and key details in various text. In Social Studies, learners will explore content to understand how to compare messages about the natural world in literacy text with information about the natural world in nonfiction text.

B: Readers will use facts and details found in text features and multiple parts of an informational text to find answers to questions. In Social Studies, learners will explore content to understand how to use observations and new learning to make predictions about the universe and its stars.

*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) using temporal words (first, next, then and last) and ask questions about the text. Encourage your child to read nonfiction stories.

Writing Workshop –

A: Writers will use what they learn in literary and informational text to create a narrative (include letter writing). Writers will use time order to sequence events.

B: Writers will use research and experiences to write informational text.

Math:

Unit 7 – Developing understanding of whole number relationships and place value, including grouping in tens and ones.

Domain: Number and Operations in Base Ten: Understand place value.

Much of the new Common Core Math Curriculum focuses on math talk. When doing math homework have your child explain his steps and give reasons for what he does to solve the problem using the math vocabulary for the unit.

** Think Central has resources for your child. This is especially useful when your child is absent from school.

Technology:

Your child will continue practicing their keyboarding and mouse skills, typing, resources used for research, and proper use of the Internet. 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. In the month of February we will be focusing primarily on mouse and keyboarding skills.

What's New in Music and Art?

Ms. LaMorte: Students will work on singing skills, analyze music for tonality and meter, secure songs about reading with motions, define/work with Tempo in piece, and self-evaluate.

Ms. Elliot: Students will revisit some favorite songs to review rhythms and movements with music.

*IMPORTANT DATES

2/5 –Olympic reports due

2/11 –Thank Heaven For Little Girls Dance – Tickets on sale now

2/13 –100th Day of School

2/15 –SIX FLAGS READ TO SUCCEED reading logs due

2/16 –Lunar New Year – No School

2/19–2/23 –Midwinter Recess – No School

2/28 – PAWS Awards Ceremony, 6:30pm

2/28 – PTA Meeting, 7:00pm – Following PAWS Awards

Respect for All Week February 12 – February 15

2/13 Antbullying Pledge

2/14 Wear Pink or Red – Random Acts of Kindness

2/15 Wear Blue – Petrides Pride

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- **Please check your child's red dot notebook for nightly homework and notices.**
- *Please sign your child's homework.*
- It is very important **not** to go ahead in workbooks as homework reflects work completed in class.
- Red folders, red dot notebooks and math books should be returned to school everyday.
- Any notes/letters to your child's teacher should **not** be written in their red dot notebooks. Please write on a separate paper.
- Please be aware that first grade students are responsible for unpacking/packing their supplies. Encourage the same at home.
- Students should be reading 20 minutes each night.
- Please make sure your child has **3** sharpened pencils to use each.
- Dress your child appropriately for the weather. Keep in mind that our classrooms get warm, but it is getting cooler outside, so layering works best.
- As always, please label your child's clothing and lunch boxes so they can be returned in case they get misplaced.
- Please continue with donations of tissues and wipes for the classroom. They are appreciated!
- Remember to complete "Six Flags Read to Succeed" reading log. These are due **February 15, 2018**.
- Olympic reports are due February 5, 2018.
- **Please ***Check our instagram and twitter pages: Twitter – @PetridesSchool Instagram – mjpetrides school**

"All of the top achievers I know are life-long learners. Looking for new skills, insights, and ideas. If they're not learning, they're not growing and not moving toward excellence."
---Denis Wartley

Social Emotional Learning Curriculum – Sanford Harmony

This month, we will be focusing on the topic of Communication. The goal this month is to foster the use of effective communication skills during social interactions and cooperative work groups. Students will participate in observational and experiential exercises to increase their awareness of healthy and unhealthy communication patterns. Students will practice using effective communication skills in cooperative learning group activities.

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

February certainly brings about thoughts of love and happiness—and I truly LOVE Petrides and all of our families. Thank you for your continued support and for volunteering your time in our school, it really makes our school such a special place. This month, our Kindergarten cuties walked the runway at the Fashion Show modeling the most adorable outfits. Thank you to the PTA for coordinating this awesome event. Please take note of all of the upcoming events planned for this month, we look forward to seeing you there.

My email address has changed. Please use JCaputo9@schools.nyc.gov to reach me.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi



