



The Fabulous First Grade

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Parent Newsletter – June 2018

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Word Study – In June, we will study diphthongs, suffixes, prefixes, and homographs.

Reading Workshop– In June, we will be conducting author studies. Students will read multiple books by the same author, comparing and contrasting the different stories.

Writers understand valid opinions are supported by reasons.

*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). Encourage them to ask questions and then discuss possible responses to their questions.

Writing Workshop– students will formulate an opinion and support it with good reasons.

Math:

Unit 12 – Reasoning about attributes of, and composing and decomposing geometric shapes.

Domain: Geometry

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 June we will be focusing primarily on mouse and keyboarding skills.



What's New in Music and Art?

Ms. LaMorte: Students will learn 5 dances, identify/apply lines and spaces of music staff, and discuss/apply leadership in a group activity.

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

*IMPORTANT DATES

6/7 – Chancellor's Day, No School for Students

6/11 – Clerical Day, No School for Students

6/13 – Rescheduled Spirit Day

6/15 – Eid al-Fitr, School Closed

6/19 – PTA Hosting Carnival

6/22 – First Grade Picnic, 10:40am-12:00pm

6/26 – Last Day of School, Half-Day 11:20am dismissal

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Please check your child's red dot notebook for nightly homework. Remember to **sign** their homework.
- Please remind your child that school is not over and proper school behavior should continue.
- Please remember to go through and empty your child's folder each night.
- With the warm weather approaching, please have your child dress appropriately. Strapless shoes are dangerous for first graders who like to run. Students may want to bring a twist-top water bottle to school.
- 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.
- Make sure your child has 3 sharpened pencils each day!
- Students should be reading 20 minutes each night.
- Please continue with donations of tissues and wipes for the classroom. They are appreciated.
- As always, please label your child's clothing so it can be returned in case it gets misplaced.
- *****Check our instagram and twitter pages:**
Twitter – @PetridesSchool
Instagram – mjpétrides school

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one."
-----George Evans

Our Social - Emotional Learning...

This year was our first year of incorporating Sanford Harmony, our Social Emotional Learning curriculum into our classrooms. The students and teachers loved this new addition. It is a program designed to cultivate strong classroom relationships and supportive learning communities. It creates a classroom where students are empowered to connect, communicate, collaborate, embrace diversity, and resolve conflict. This summer, think about choosing books from the attached book list to read with your child(ren).

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Petrides Families,

Time really does fly at Petrides! I cannot believe how fast this year has gone. May was a busy month with much to celebrate. I would like to thank everyone who came out to all of our special events, especially our moms! Elementary Spirit Week was a success with students racking up points for participating in each theme day. We would like to thank the PTA for the delicious watermelons that they donated for our students to enjoy. June is a month jam packed with celebrations and end of year events. Please join us as often as you possibly can.

It was my pleasure working with all of you this school year. Please enjoy your summer vacation and I look forward to seeing you all in September!

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

