



The Fabulous First Grade

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Parent Newsletter – March 2019

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Word Study – In March, we will continue studying consonant blends and the sounds of y as a vowel. Students will be introduced to words with inflectional endings, consonant digraphs, and contractions. 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- March theme: Observing the Messages of the Natural World continued.

A: Readers will read about our solar system. They will use facts and details to form opinions about the moon.

B: Readers will use facts and details found in text to find answers to questions.

*Please continue to read daily with your child – discussing vocabulary, characters, setting, problem, solution, retelling in sequence, and characters’ feelings.

Writing Workshop-

A: Writers will write an opinion piece using supporting details.

B: Writers will use research and experiences to write informational text. Writers, using facts, will write a question/answer book about the solar system.

Math: Unit 8 – Developing understanding of whole number relationships and place value, including grouping in tens and ones. Domain: Operations and Algebraic Thinking Number and Operations in Base Ten.

Unit 9 – Developing understand of linear measurement and measuring lengths as iterating length units.

Domain: Measurement and Data

Technology:

During the month of March, your child will be focusing 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 secure reading unit selections with motions, analyze music for tonality and meter, learn St. Patrick’s poem and dance, and define/apply music canon with poem. Mr. G’s class will secure songs about reading, discuss/apply friendship with 2 new pieces, and learn St Patrick’s poem and dance.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of March, art students will draw and paint landscapes and still life themes. Class 332 will explore making sculptures, working with modeling clay.

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

*IMPORTANT DATES

3/13 – Report Cards Distributed

3/14 – Parent Teacher Conferences:

Afternoon – 12:20–2:20pm (Half day of school for students)

Evening – 5:00–8:00pm

3/29- First Grade Performance of “Bedtime Stories”, 12:30pm

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Please check your child’s red dot notebook for nightly homework. Remember to **sign their homework**.
- It is very important **not** to go ahead in workbooks as homework reflects work completed in class. Please check your child’s homework. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any concerns with homework.
- When your child is absent, they are responsible for work missed and homework assigned. Please check the weekly homework handout in their red dot notebook. This includes the four (4) math pages before the assigned homework pages
- **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.
- Dress your child appropriately for the weather. Children will be going outdoors for recess, weather permitting.
- As always, please label your child’s clothing so it can be returned in case it gets misplaced.

“The most influential of all ‘Educational’ factors is the conversation in a child’s home.”
-----William Temple, Sr.

PTA News

Welcome back! The PTA would like to welcome everyone back from a winter week off! We hope everyone had a warm, cozy, relaxing week and is ready to get back to learning, and school fun festivities!

Our “pretzels for panthers” is this upcoming Friday, March 1. Also, on Friday, March 1st there will be the opportunity for our students to take their Spring Pictures. These school pictures are unique as we allow students to dress down and you may also coordinate sibling pictures. Finally, on Friday, March 1st join us to dine out at TGIFRIDAYS at 280 Marsh Ave for our PTA benefit night, where 20% of your bill will automatically benefit Michael J. Petrides’ PTA! (All you have to do is mention our school by name to your server!)

Our Night of Chances fundraiser is Friday, March 29th. Please join us for this fun adult evening where you will have chances to win awesome raffle prizes!

Last PTA meeting we raffled off a Night of Chances raffle bundle pack! (70 raffle tickets of different levels). All you need to do is show up, for your chance to win!

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Wednesday, March 20th at 7pm where we will be raffling off a chance to win a free ticket to “Bowling with the Panthers” which will be on Sunday, April 7th. Thank you for supporting our school!

A Note From Ms. Ponzi



Dear Families,

March is the month that makes me reflect and feel LUCKY to be a part of the Petrides family. Last month kept us busy and the help and support from everyone at home certainly makes this such a special place. Parents of 1st and 4th grade students, please help us complete the Readers are Leaders challenge presented by Borough President James Oddo’s office. Our Sweetheart Dance was a huge success and we would like to thank the PTA for organizing this event. We look forward to seeing you all at our Spring Parent Teacher Conferences on March 14th.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

