



The Fabulous First Grade

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Parent Newsletter – March 2020

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Word Study – In March, students will blend and segment up to five sounds in a closed syllable. In addition, students will continue with Vowel Teams and suffixes **-ed** and **-ing**. 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, major events, 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.

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 Performing Arts?

Ms. Eliot: First Grade students are finishing up their very own Musical Instrument Books! They have learned all about each instrument family and how they all produce sound differently. They also know what they all look and sound like! We will continue to listen and learn about different sounds and styles of music.

Ms. Granatelli (332): During the month of *March* students will focus on drawing & painting.

Ms. LaGrotta (332): During dance class in March, first grade classes will be continuing identifying and demonstrating isolated dance moves of various body parts, locomotor and non-locomotor movements, and dancing with different tempos and rhythms.

Math:

Module 4 – Place Value, Comparison, Addition and Subtraction to 40. Topics include: Represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction, Extend the counting sequence, Understand place value, Use place value understanding and properties of operations to add and subtract.

Much of the new Common Core Math Curriculum focuses on math talk. When doing math homework have your child explain their steps and give reasons for what they do to solve the problem.

It is important that students know their addition facts to 20. They should start by learning their doubles facts and ways to make 10 facts.

*IMPORTANT DATES

3/4 – Report cards distributed

3/5 – Afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences – 12:20pm to 2:20pm

3/5 – Evening Parent Teacher Conferences – 5:00pm to 8:00pm

3/26 – Brooklyn Museum Trip

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, he/she is 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. Money should be in a labeled envelope.
- 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.
- Remember to complete “Six Flags Read to Succeed” reading logs due April 17, 2020.



PTA News

March 6th – Pretzels for Panthers

March 18th – PTA Meeting, 6:30pm

April 3rd – Night of Chances – PTA is requesting \$5 donation from families

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

-----William Temple, Sr.

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 5th. Don’t forget to logon to Raz Kids and practice reading!

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

