

The Fabulous First Grade

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Parent Newsletter – October 2017

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Word Study – In October we will be continue reviewing the consonants and short vowels. Students will begin to understand and learn to apply the concept tat consonant and vowels sounds can be blended together to form words.

Each week new sight words and high frequency words will be introduced. Students will be tested weekly on these words.

They are responsible for new and previous weeks' words.

Reading Workshop- Unit 1 Module B: "Connecting to Our World". Readers will read informational texts in search of answers to questions.

Social Studies content taught through literacy. Learners will explore a variety of informational texts while asking and answering questions.

*Please continue to read daily with your child – encourage him/her to use print strategies to figure out difficult words. Encourage them to retell the beginning, middle and end of their story.

Writer's Workshop – Writers will create one informational piece on a topic.

In writing, students should be working on forming their letters properly and using proper writing conventions, including capitals, ending punctuation and finger spacing between words.

Math:

Unit 2- Students are developing an understanding of addition, subtraction, and strategies for addition and subtraction within 20. Students will also be developing their problem solving skills. Domain: Operations and Algebraic

Technology:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the 2017-2018 school year. I am very excited to be taking on the challenges of guiding your child on his/her journey to become an expert at using technology. In agreement with the Chancellor of all New York City Public Schools, Carmen Farina, I would like to ensure your children graduate his/her grade with the digital skills they need to succeed.

During the course of this school year, your child will be introduced to 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, insuring that all our students maximize their learning with hands on opportunities to succeed. In the month of October we will be focusing on mouse and keyboarding skills.

What's New in Music and Art?

Ms. LaMorte: Students will learn 3 songs to work with pitch matching, beat competency, read a simple rhythm pattern, discuss Christopher Columbus, proper play of rhythm sticks, analyze, music, learn major, minor, duple and triple, learn dance, and begin study of Orff Barred Instruments for proper mallet technique.

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

*IMPORTANT DATES

10/9 – Columbus Day – No School

10/18 – PTA Meeting, 7pm

10/29 – PTA sponsors "Boo at My School", 2-5pm

10/31 – Halloween March of Dimes Wonder Walk on school track. Students may wear their Halloween attire. No face masks please.

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Please check your child's red dot notebook for nightly homework.
- **Please sign your child's homework.**
- 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 notebook. Please write on a separate paper.
- **It is very important not to go ahead in workbooks as homework reflects work completed in class.**
- Please be aware that in first grade students are responsible for unpacking/packing their supplies. Encourage your child to unpack their red folders, red dot notebooks and math book. Discuss what homework is assigned for the evening.
- We do not have snack in first grade. Breakfast is not served in the classroom (as done in Kindergarten). Remind your child to attend breakfast before entering the auditorium.
- Students should be reading 20minutes each night.
- If your child's teacher participates in Remind and you have not signed up, please do so.
- Dress your child appropriately for the weather. Keeping in mind that our classrooms get warm, but that it is getting cooler outside, layering works best.
- As always, please label your child's clothing and lunch boxes so they can be returned in case they gets misplaced.
- As always, we are grateful for any donations of tissues, wipes and paper towels.

"Learning never exhausts the mind."
-----Leonardo Da Vinci

PTA News

Coming up:

10/16 – Chocolate Sale Ends

10/18 – Next PTA Meeting

10/29 – Boo at My School – We are accepting candy donations. Please label donations "ATTN PTA" and feel free to send them to school with your child, leave them at the main office, or at circular drive during drop off.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the event please e-mail D31r080pa@schools.nyc.gov

Save the Date – Holiday Fair 12/8

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

We are off to a great start and I am super excited to begin this next month of school. We will be hosting a Walk-a-thon to support the March of Dimes on October 31st at 9:45am on the field. All students in grades Pre-K-4 are invited to walk in their Halloween costumes on our annual parade. We ask that you refrain from dressing the students in costumes with masks and please do not send props into school. March of Dimes envelopes will be sent home this week and can be returned with donations on the day of the Wonder Walk. Parents are welcome to view our costume parade on the field (weather permitting). Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

