

The Fabulous First Grade

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Parent Newsletter – October 2019

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 that consonant and vowel 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– October theme: "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. This month's unit focus is families.

*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:

Students will make progress towards fluency with addition and subtraction of numbers to 10 with opportunities to advance them from counting all to counting on, then to decomposing and composing numbers and total amounts.

Technology:

During the month of October, 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. Eliot: Students will learn about the different instruments in an orchestra and explore the works of different composers.

Ms. Granatelli (332): During the month of October, students will learn how to draw and paint their self-portrait. All art materials are provided in class.

*IMPORTANT DATES

10/1 – Rosh Hashanah – No School

10/9 – Yom Kippur – No School

10/14 – Columbus Day – No School

10/16 – PTA Meeting, 6:30pm

10/21 – Class 1-120 St. George Library Trip

10/22 – Class 1-121, 332 St. George Library Trip

10/23 – Class 1-122 St. George Library Trip

10/27 – PTA hosts Trunk or Treat

10/31 – Halloween March of Dimes Wonder Walk on school track. Students may wear their Halloween attire. No face masks please. Parents are invited to come and watch their children walk.

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- **Please sign your child's homework.**
- *Please check your child's red dot notebook for nightly 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 notebook. Please write on a separate paper.
- 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 20 minutes each night.
- 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.
- Please label your child's clothing and lunch boxes so it can be returned in case it gets misplaced.
- As always, we are grateful for any donations of tissues, wipes and paper towels.

PTA News

October 4 – Pretzels for Panthers
October 11 – Movie night "The Sandlot"
October 15 – Dine out @ Chili's 11am-11pm
October 16 – PTA meeting @ 6:30pm
October 27 – Trunk or Treat



World famous chocolate sales continues.

"Learning never exhausts the mind."

-----Leonardo Da Vinci

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 9:00am on the field. All students in grades Pre-K-4 are invited to walk in their Halloween costumes on our track. 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

