



The Fabulous First Grade

Ms. Tantillo, Ms. Reardon, Ms. Moore, Ms. Erickson and Mr. G



Parent Newsletter – April 2019

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Word Study – In April, students will be introduced to 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– April theme: Dig Deeply into Complex Text. Readers will understand who is telling a story and how that shaped the story. Readers will identify who is telling a story. Learners will explore content to understand that life is a process of growth, change, and learning in which important lessons are taught from generation to generation. Writers understand that narratives contain characters and sequenced events.

*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–

A: Writers will write a narrative with details and a sequence of events.

B: Writers will use facts and details to write an explanatory text.

Math:

Units 9 & 10: Developing understanding of linear measurement and measuring lengths as iterating length units.

Domain: Measurement and Data

Technology:

During the month of April, 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.

"The object of Education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives."
-----Robert Maynard Hutchins

What's New in Music and Art?

Ms. LaMorte: Students will learn 6 songs carefully, identify/apply proper play of Orff Barred instruments, and work on proper singing and pitch matching. Mr. G's class will also learn 5 songs very carefully with proper singing and dancing.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of April, art students will continue practicing drawing and painting real life and imaginary themes.

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

*IMPORTANT DATES

4/12 – 7:00pm, 4/13 – 7:00pm, 4/14 – 2:00pm

The Michael J. Petrides School presents

The Little Mermaid

4/17 – Paws Awards/Academic Success Celebration, 6:30pm

4/19 – 4/28 – Spring Recess

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. Contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns with homework.
- Students are responsible for any missed work/assignments that occur during their absence. This includes the four (4) math pages before the assigned homework pages
- **Red folders, red dot notebooks and math book should be returned to school everyday!**
- Students should be reading 20 minutes each night (even if not written in homework).
- Please be aware that first grade students are responsible for unpacking/packing their supplies. Encourage the same at home.
- Please make sure your child has **3** sharpened pencils to use each day.
- Please dress your child appropriately for the weather. Children will be going outside for recess, weather permitting.
- As always, please label your child's clothing so it can be returned in case it gets misplaced.
- Please continue with donations of tissues and wipes for the classroom. They are appreciated.

**With the warm weather approaching please have your child dress appropriately **

PTA News



Friday, April 5th is Pretzels for Panthers.

Bowling with the Panthers is April 7th from 2-4 at Showplace. It's \$15 per bowler. Included 1 slice of pizza, drink, 2 hours of bowling, and shoe rental.

PTA meeting is Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00pm.

Dave and Busters Power cards are on sale now until May 20th.

We would like to thank you for attending the Night of Chances. It was a huge success and a special thank you to all of our donors, volunteers, teachers, staff, and students for all of their hardworking and help.

Thank you!



A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

Spring is finally here and we are heading into the final stretch of the school year! Our children have grown in so many ways and they continue to make us proud each day. Our upper elementary students have been working very hard this past month to prepare for the NYS ELA and Math exams. Our younger students are inspired and continue to practice becoming better readers, writers and problem solvers. I am so proud of everyone, keep up the great work!!

We will continue to host opportunities to engage with our parents and work together to ensure the success of our children. We encourage you to volunteer your time here at school during upcoming special events.

Enjoy the upcoming Spring Recess with the ones you love!

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

