

The Fabulous First Grade

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Parent Newsletter – May 2019



WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Word Study – In May, we will study vowel digraphs and suffixes. *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– May theme: Dig Deeply into Complex Text. Readers will understand the connection between multiple pieces of information in a text. Learners will explore content to understand that growth happens over time and that each part of an organism contributes to this process.

Writers will understand facts and details help explain information to others.

*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.

Students should be reading **20–30 minutes** each night (even if not written in homework).

Writing Workshop– students will write a “How to” using facts and information.

Math:

Units 11 & 12 – Reasoning about attributes of, and composing and decomposing geometric shapes.

Domain: Geometry

Technology:

During the month of May, 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 learn 4 pieces for singing/dancing and mallet work on the Orff Barred Instruments, and learn new dance that introduces/applies a fermata (music sign that means to hold). Mr. G’s class will learn 3 new pieces for singing/dancing and mallet work on Barred Instruments and learn French Folk dance that introduces a fermata.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of May, art students will continue practicing drawing, painting and collage.

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

*IMPORTANT DATES

5/10 – Plant Sale – Schedule to follow

5/15 – PAWS Awards, 6:30pm – PTA Meeting, 7:00pm

5/27 – Memorial Day – No School

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.
- Students are responsible for any missed **classwork/homework** that occur during their absence. **This includes the four (4) math pages before the assigned home pages.**
- Please remember to go through and empty your child’s folder each night. **Red folders, red dot notebooks and math books should be returned to school everyday!**
- Please be aware that first grade students are responsible for unpacking/packing their supplies. Encourage the same at home.
- Please make every effort to get your child to school on time (8:00am start). Lateness interrupts lessons and causes disruptions in their learning.
- Please make sure your child has **3** sharpened pencils to use each day.
- As always, please label your child’s clothing so it can be returned in case it gets misplaced.
- Please continue with donations of paper towels and wipes for the classroom. They are appreciated!!!
- **With the warm weather approaching please have your child dress appropriately.



PTA News



- * Pretzels for our Panthers Friday May 3 (\$1/pretzel)
- * Teacher appreciation week! May 6th – 10th
- * “Principal for a day”. Raffles on sale until May 9th. (\$1/ticket; \$10/12 tickets; \$20/25 tickets)
- * Street Fair May 9th from 5pm – 8pm. Join us for dancing in the street, face painting, games and a live drawing of our “principal for a day” raffle winners.
- * Plant Sale Friday May 10th (class schedule times to be distributed closer to event)
- * PTA meeting May 15th at 7pm. Elections held for PTA board members as well as SLT board members for the next school year (2019–2020)

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Hello Petrides Families,

Spring has sprung-hopefully everyone can get outside and enjoy that sunshine!! The feeling of excitement is in the air as we near the end of our school year. Let’s make sure to stay focused and bright until then.

We would like to commend our dedicated 3rd and 4th graders for their hard work and commitment with preparing for the NYS ELA and Math tests. We are confident you did great!

We look forward to all of the exciting culminating events that are quickly approaching. Please mark your calendars and save the dates accordingly. I can’t wait to celebrate with you all.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

