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What's Happening This Month
in First Grade

Reading Workshop:

At this point in the school year, we are encouraging our students' growth in reading by providing new strategies to tackle tricky words in their books. Although phonic awareness (letter-sounds) is a significant aspect of reading, we will be focusing on comprehension strategies as a way to figure out unknown words.

After we learn some new reading strategies, we are going to start character clubs. Our students will be reading books in a series to learn about a character's development.

Writing Workshop:

Up until now, we have written stories and books about ourselves. In March we will be writing realistic fiction stories; tales of made up first graders with real problems and solutions.

In May, we will be spending time writing poetry. At the end of our poetry unit each child will select one poem to publish in our school book.

Math Workshop:

For the next couple of months, our students will learn about geometry, including various shapes and combinations of shapes. We will also continue to develop our number sense through story problems, which look at the relationships between numbers

Social Studies:

Families are the main focus of our social studies curriculum. We will examine the different families in our community.



PBIS Corner

Please continue to discuss what it means to be respectful, responsible, and safe at home and in school. Our students continue to earn bee cards and are motivated to shop at the PBIS store.

Ways to Help Your Child at Home:

- Read and study sight words nightly. Don't forget to record the book on the reading log.
- When your child struggles with a word in his or her book, encourage your child to think about the story. You could prompt, "What's happening here, what might that word be?" Refrain from saying, "Sound it out."
- Please expose your child to money by allowing him/ her to pay with change or count your change.

Dates to Remember:

Parent Teacher Conferences- 3/16
First Grade Assembly- 3/24 8:30 am
Silly Sock Day -3/26
No School- 3/29-4/6
Bagel Bits- 4/16
Go Green Day 3/23
Trip- TBD