

January Newsletter 1st Grade

Curriculum News

Writing Workshop:

During the month of January we will learn how to add details to the middle and how to create endings. Students will also begin to explore informational writing by looking at many different types of informational text.

Reading Workshop:

During the month of January we will finish up our unit on connections. We will be learning about text to text connections. Students will also begin to explore informational text by comparing fiction and nonfiction texts.

Math Workshop:

This month we will be learning to count money. Students will count pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. They will also count dollars up to \$20. After money we will learn how to divide sets into equal parts among 2 to 5 parts.

Word Study:

Please make sure students are learning to read and spell the words that come home each week in the homework folder. Students need to spell those words correctly in their everyday writing. During this month students will be learning about r controlled vowels. We will be working on -er, -ir, -ur. We will also be learning about the ing and ed endings.

Science/Social Studies/Health

In science we will learn about sound. In Social Studies we will learn about Harriet Tubman.

Reminders

You can find important dates for first grade on our first grade google calendar. You may access it from our first grade web page. Please click on newsletters and then you will see the first grade goggle calendar to click.

The following is the writing expectations for the third nine weeks. Students are expected to have all of the following in all of their writings.

1. Writes legibly using upper and lower case D'Nealian letters correctly.
2. Capital letters at beginning of sentences and for proper nouns and the word I.
3. Uses appropriate spacing between words and sentences.
4. Uses left to right directionality on lines.
5. Uses ending punctuation consistently. (. ? !)
6. Spells the introduced "No Excuse" word wall words correctly.
7. Sits down and writes a complete story without disruption.
8. Writes a complete story, with an organized beginning, middle and end.
(Hint: a good middle should be more than one sentence!)
9. Students begin to use descriptive (adjectives) word choices.
10. Errors are present but do not interfere with meaning.

First grade will be having an in school field trip on Feb. 1. High Touch High Tech will be coming to us to teach us about sound. If you have not paid all of your field trip fund this year, please look for information on how to pay for this trip to be coming home.