

First Grade Newsletter



December 10th, 2021

Challenge Charter School

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Wonder- stop and say: "wow!" to delight in beauty and mystery

Stewardship- caring well for the gifts given to us - our life, our world, our talents, and those entrusted to our care

Sayings

"the More the Merrier"

Spelling

There will be no spelling words this week. Please continue to practice all of your sight words and tricky words!!

We will be doing a variety of holiday crafts to celebrate the season this week!



Sight Words

Please continue practicing sight words! Your child will bring home their list of words to work on each week. Please spend time each night going over sight words with your child. Remember there is a total of 150 words in 1st grade. These words need to be known by "sight", NOT by sounding them out.

Review your sight words!

Reading Skills

We will be reviewing all of the sounds we have learned so far. We will also review contractions. Please continue to read every night!

If you would like specific items for your child to read over the winter break, please reach out to your teacher!



Important Dates:

12/16- Birthday Celebrations

12/17- Half Day! Dismissal at 11:30

1/4- Return to school :)

1/6- Specials

1/14- Specials

1/17 No School

1/25 Specials

1/26-1/27 Parent Teacher Conferences

Donations!!

- Prize box items
- Lysol wipes
- Hand sanitizer

If you would like to donate more, please reach out to your teacher to see what they may need for their classroom!

Core Knowledge is #1!

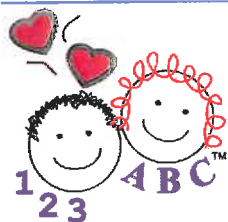
We get it done with fun!!

Hands-on, Right on! Integrated Science, Social Studies, Math, and Language Arts!



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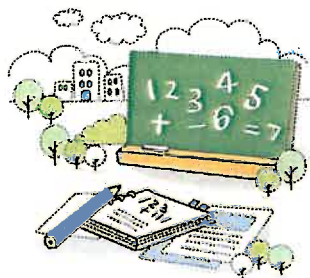
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Math

We will be reviewing our math strategies that we recently learned. After reviewing the data from our recent math test, we will see what needs to be reviewed more!

Mad Dog Math

Please keep practicing math facts at home! As we send home the Mad Dog Math timed facts test, be sure to review the facts they may have missed, or challenge them to practice their next level of facts. In class the students get two minutes to complete 20 problems!



Social Studies

As the holidays are here, we will be reviewing world religions and the holidays they celebrate.



Music

In the Month of December, we will be learning about musical composers. We will study Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and learn that ballet combines music and movement.

We will be learning about the Nutcracker in class and reviewing the instruments from the symphony.

Songs to sing:

She'll be coming Round the Mountain,
Michael, Row the Boat Ashore, Oh My Darling Clementine



COMMUNICATION CORNER:

If your student is celebrating a birthday this month- as the holidays are approaching, a lot of treats have red dye. Please remember that our school is a strictly red dye-free school. Please check the celebration treat before sending it to school!

Reminder: please help your child to read the directions of his/her homework each night. This will help them to practice reading their directions of reading skills tests.

Please continue to send your child to school with a healthy snack!

Uniforms!

Please be aware of the CCS Uniform policy! We appreciate those of you that are diligent about keeping your child's uniform up to code! Please remember the following: Hair bows should not be larger than a fist; clothes cannot be more than 1 size larger than normal size (no baggy pants/skirts); Clothes must be Dennis brand (check out White Dove for great deals!) As the weather starts to cool down, please make sure your child has their name in their sweater or jacket. Only a red, blue, or white, solid jacket is allowed in the classroom.