



First Grade Newsletter



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Courage: Doing what is right in the face of fear; moving beyond fear; finding the strength to venture and persevere.

Language Arts

In first grade your child has been introduced to 2-syllable words. We have been working on segmenting and blending these words.

We will be reviewing alternate spellings for the **sounds**: /k/, /g/, /j/, /t/, /d/, /v/, /r/, /t/ **sister sounds**: /b/ & /b/, and /t/ & /d/; /tch/ for /ch/ **tricky spelling**: 'g' for /g/ and /j/.

In grammar we are working on root words and suffixes -ing and -ed.

In writing we will be working on sentence building types (statements, questions, and exclamations).

Math

We will begin to extend the counting sequence to 120: by tens: tens digit

ones: ones digit

The ones digit in 43 is 3.

43

ones digit

on a hundreds chart:

hundred chart									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

Science/Social Studies

We have been working hard on digging deeper into the solar system.

Some of the topics we are covering are:

- Inner planets
- Outer planets
- Characteristics that make each planet unique (we will continue to build our in class solar system project).



Important Dates:

- 1/17 NO SCHOOL
- 1/21 Solar system projects due
- 1/25 SPECIALS DAY
- 100th Day of School
- 1/26 PTC—11:30 Dismissal
- 1/27 PTC—11:30 Dismissal

SPELLING & TRICKY WORDS

- jump
- jumped
- jumping
- talk
- talking
- running
- shout
- shouted
- shouting
- should
- how
- picture
- stagecoach



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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Saying and Phrases

"AM & PM"

"Hit the nail on the head"

COMMUNICATION CORNER

Music

Every Thursday, 1st grade have gotten to work with their own music teacher online! This week students will review concepts from the previous month (orchestra, instruments and their families, and elements of music). We have reviewed Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star in our Astronomy domain. Next week they will learn a song about the solar system that goes to the tune of, "Oh My Darling Clementine!"

Listening & Learning

We will be finishing up our unit on astronomy! We have had so much fun learning about the solar system, what it consists of and how scientists were able to create telescopes, rocket ships and the struggles they faced by putting a man on the moon!

Your child should have started on their solar system project. We are very excited to see how creative the projects are going to be.

Vocabulary

Our CK Listening and Learning curriculum is full of new vocabulary. Please discuss and review the following words at home:

- launch** - to lift or push an object with force
- determined** - committed to or focused on a decision or a goal
- abundant** - plentiful; more than enough
- categorize** - sort or put into a group with other similar objects

- * If you have not yet signed up for a conference please refer to an email that was sent the morning of Weds. the 13th. We are very excited to discuss all of the accomplishments that have been made and how we can work as a team to help your child succeed in first grade!
- * Our first graders' brains are working extra hard in the afternoon and might need to "fuel up" to get through the end of the day. Please consider sending in a 2nd healthy snack to help them finish strong!
- * The first graders have made huge gains so far this year and they aren't done yet! The first grade team would like to sincerely thank you for your dedication in helping your child succeed!

Respect & Responsibility

We have been learning a lot about how to demonstrate respect and responsibility in the classroom! Thank you to our awesome first graders, who are working hard to use these important virtues daily! :)



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