

First Grade



OCTOBER



Dates to Remember:

October 21 & 23 - Parent Teacher Conferences
October 31 – No School



Math

Both classes have been reviewing skills learned last year, and all students have done an excellent job of retaining those skills!

Reading

The children are being very responsible about bringing their reading books back and forth to school each day! Please be sure your child reads the day's word lists and story each night. We've noticed great improvements in students that are reading every night at home, and it is part of their daily homework requirement. If you see a take-home paper from reading class that has not been checked, please have your child bring it back to school. We grade all reading assignments.

Spelling/Grammar

Spelling: We are working on lessons 1-10, and you've most likely seen these papers coming home. The words are from the packet of spelling words that were sent home the first week of school. Our first test will be the week of October 6th. Please watch for notes on the spelling tests to inform you of the next test and what list to be practicing.

Grammar: The children have been learning jingles about sentences, nouns, verbs, adverbs, and adjectives, and have begun classifying and writing sentences as well. They are doing a great job of learning this new subject in school!

Core & Spanish

History/Geography: The lessons this month are a study of the ancient civilizations of Mesopotamia and Egypt. The children will learn why Mesopotamia is known as the "cradle of civilization," the importance of the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, and why the development of writing, as well as rules and laws, are important to the development of civilization. We will study the geography of Egypt and the importance of the Nile River. Of course, no study of Egypt would be complete without learning about pharaohs, pyramids, mummies, and hieroglyphics.

Science: We will wrap up our study of the solar system and start exploring light and sound.

Literature: Our sayings this month are Practice makes perfect and Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Our poetry will be "Table Manners", which is always a favorite for the first graders to recite, and "Solomon Grundy". Our folktales this month will include: "The Little Half-Chick (Medio Pollito)", "It Could Always be Worse", and "The Tale of Peter Rabbit". We also have some stories that have tricksters as the main characters such as Anansi and Brer Rabbit.

Spanish: This month, your child will continue to practice greetings and farewells, introducing themselves and others, and responding to classroom commands. In addition, students will learn Spanish colors and numbers 1-12.