

First Grade



FEBRUARY



Reading

Both reading groups continue to progress one lesson per day. Please check your child's homework each night to make sure all parts are completed. In Mrs. Miller's class, the reading passage on the tests will increase to 66 words that need to be read within one minute. A good way to practice is to count out 66 words on a page and see if your child can read it within 1 minute. It is very important to have your child read to you each night to help increase the pace and to build fluency. Mrs. Osorio's class is concentrating on reading with expression.

Math

New concepts in Saxon 1 are adding 2-digit numbers, identifying and making congruent shapes, telling time to the half hour, adding 10 to a given number, and doubles plus one addition facts. New concepts in Saxon 2 are identifying place values of 3-digit numbers, showing 3-digit numbers using base ten blocks, telling time to 5-minute intervals, writing numbers in expanded form, and subtracting 3, 4, and 5. Please continue to practice 100 addition facts in five minutes. The children will continue to be tested on them throughout the year.

Spelling/Grammar

Spelling: We're learning that the /ll/ sound at the end of a short word is usually spelled with two letter l's, and that the /vv/ sound at the end of words is usually spelled with the letters ve.

Grammar: We will continue to classify sentences and work with sentence fragments. We will also be learning how to write two-point expository paragraphs. Wow, first graders writing paragraphs! We have an outline that we follow that really helps us get started.



Core

Literature We will enjoy more fairy tales this month. We will continue to discuss the story elements, story problems and solutions and to identify the beginning, middle, and end of the stories. Our fairy tales will include *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *The Frog Prince*, and *Puss in Boots*. Our poetry will include *Hope* by Langston Hughes.

History The first graders have spent the first part of the school year learning about world history. Our focus for the remaining school year will be American history, which we will begin by learning about colonization. We will talk about Sir Walter Raleigh and the Lost Colony, the settling of Jamestown, Plymouth, and the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Science We will discuss a first grade favorite: animals! Our focus will be on plant and animal survival, their structure and function, and their information processing.

Spanish Students will continue to practice body parts and will learn vocabulary about clothes. They will also practice using possessive adjectives.



Special Dates to Remember

- February 3 – Grades 1-3 Music Concert 6:00 p.m.
- February 16 – No school for students