

First Grade



MARCH



Reading

In reading, the Horizons B group has begun the third book in their level. **The words per minute for Horizons B will continue to increase with each test, so please continue to work on the pace when reading at home.** Reading Mastery 2 students have been doing a nice job writing the questions from the book on a separate sheet of lined paper! Please check your child's homework to make sure these 15-20 questions are finished.

Math

Saxon 1 students will be counting nickels and pennies, identifying a missing addend, and measuring and drawing line segments to the nearest inch. Fact practice will include sums of 10 and subtracting a number from 10, and adding 9. Please continue to practice the doubles plus one facts. Saxon 2 students will be subtracting 2-digit numbers that require borrowing, multiplying by 10, and rounding numbers to the nearest 10. Fact practice will include subtracting 7, 8 and 9, and working our way up to completing 100 subtraction facts within 6 minutes.

Spelling/Grammar

In **spelling**, please do some extra practice with those words that your child is having difficulty with. The new concepts will include words that have the letters "ve" at the end (have, give, save), spelling the short u sound in words, and the irregularly spelled words *they* and *read*. Please be sure when you are studying with your children at home that they can spell all words on the previous lists as well.

The students will continue to write two-point expository paragraphs about some of their favorite things in **grammar**. We will be learning two new jingles - the pronoun and subject pronoun jingles. We will also learn about contractions and review concepts previously learned such as common/proper nouns and singular/plural nouns.

Core

In **history**, the students will learn about the birth of the United States of America. They will identify the 13 original colonies and be introduced to the colonies' struggle for independence. The Boston Tea Party, Paul Revere, the Revolutionary War, and the Declaration of Independence will be people and events that are discussed this month.

The focus for **science** this month is animals and their habitats. We will discuss forests, deserts, grasslands, and polar regions. Animals are the theme in **literature** as well. The poem for this month is *The Owl and the Pussycat*. The story for this month is *Why the Owl Has Big Eyes*, and the sayings will be *Let the cat out of the bag* and *Fish out of water*.

In **Spanish**, students will learn about travel and will list basic modes of transportation. Students will also learn about buildings and places around town.

