

# First Grade



# APRIL



## Reading

Both reading groups continue to progress at one lesson a day. To build fluency, students should be reading aloud to an adult each school night. Thank you!



## Math

**Saxon 1** math students will be adding three single-digit numbers, counting dimes, nickels, and pennies, and working with geometric solids. Fact practice will include adding 9 and “oddball” facts (3+5, 3+6, 4+7, 5+7, 3+8, 5+8, 6+8). These can be tricky for some students. Please do some extra practice at home if you see that your child is having difficulty.

**Saxon 2** math students will work on telling time to the minute, solving problems that require borrowing or carrying, completing 100 addition facts within 5 minutes, and 100 subtraction facts within 6 minutes. We will also be working on multiples of 5, 2, and 3. The 100-fact tests can really affect your child’s math fact grade, so please keep a close eye on their progress. If you would like some extra 100 facts sheets, please contact your child’s math teacher.

## Spelling/Grammar/Spanish

The **spelling** words we are working on include words that have the sound /vv/ spelled *ve* (as in *have*), /ing/ spelled *ing*, and /k/ spelled *c* (as in *cat*).

In **grammar** we will continue to work on writing expository paragraphs and learn how to write a descriptive paragraph. We will also continue classifying and labeling sentences, writing contractions correctly, and identifying verb tenses.

In **Spanish**, students will learn about the days of the week and months of the year.

## Core

In **literature** the children will focus on character traits as we read selections from *The House at Pooh Corner* and *Pinocchio*. We will learn the meanings behind the sayings *Never leave till tomorrow what you can do today*, and *Fish out of water*.

In **history** we will continue our study of the American Revolution and the events that led to the conclusion of the war. We will be introduced to some important patriots, such as Benjamin Franklin and George Washington, who served America during that time period. We will learn about our country’s capital and some important symbols like the flag and the liberty bell.

Our focus in **science** will be on the ocean habitat. We will learn about the landscape and conditions of the ocean floor, as well as gain an understanding of the concepts of coast, shore, wave, tide, and current.

## Important Date!

**April 24** Knowledge-A-Thon and dress up day!  
Dress up as one of our KAT questions/answers.

