

First Grade



MAY



Reading/Grammar

Both **reading** groups are working on reading with expression. When your child reads aloud to you at home, please encourage them to use emotion when they're reading, and praise them when they read clearly. This helps to reinforce what they do when reading aloud in class. Each class will finish their last text book, and will be reading a chapter book. Mrs. Miller's class will be reading *My Father's Dragon*, and Mrs. Osorio's class will be reading *Homer Price*.

In **grammar**, we will continue to classify sentences with subject pronouns and possessive pronouns, write some descriptive paragraphs, and be introduced to writing a friendly letter. We will also review previous concepts.

Please continue to encourage your child to do neat, careful work these final weeks of school. Thank you for your continued support!

Math

Saxon 1 math students will be identifying and counting quarters, subtracting 2-digit numbers, working on place value, and identifying events as certain, likely, or impossible. Our fact practice will include differences of 1 and 2, subtracting half of a double, and a review of previous subtraction facts. Please continue to practice the "oddball" facts. They are tricky ones (3+5, 3+6, 4+7, 5+7, 3+8, 4+8, 5+8, and 6+8). **Saxon 2** will finish out the year working on 100 addition/subtraction facts, dividing by 2, time to the quarter hour, and multiples of 2, 3, 4, and 5. Please do extra practice at home counting by 3's to 30 and 4's to 40. Thank you!



Core

In **literature** this month, we will be reading *The Boy at the Dike*, *The Knee-high Man*, and *The Pied Piper*. We will review the poems we have learned and recite the ones we've learned by heart! Our final saying for the year is *If at first you don't succeed, try, try again*.

In **history** the students will learn about the American frontier and the explorers in the westward expansion of the United States. We will be introduced to key people and events such as Daniel Boone and the Wilderness Road, Thomas Jefferson and the Louisiana Purchase, and Lewis and Clark and their exploration of the Louisiana Territory.

Our **science** lessons will expand on the rainforest and taking care of our environment. We will make a poster of the rainforest layers and talk about endangered animals, pollution, and habitat destruction. Rachel Carson will also be discussed.

Spanish

Students will learn about seasons and weather.

Important Dates

May 22nd - No school for students
May 26th - No school - Memorial Day
June 2nd - Field trip to the NEW Zoo. Please *complete permission slips and lunch choices ASAP*.
June 4th - Minds in Motion
June 5th - Last day of school. *Half day*

We would like to wish all of you a fun-filled, enjoyable summer! We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching and watching your children grow this year!