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First Grade Newsletter

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Core Virtues:

Respect - Treating others with high regard regardless of their race, their place, or the color of their face!

Responsibility - Do your part for the groups that make us whole.

Important Dates

9/7 & 9/8 Labor Day. No School

9/11 APEX Dance Party

9/16 & 9/17 Parent Teacher Conferences: 11:30 Dismissal

9/18 Specials

What we are learning the week of: Sept. 7 - Sept. 11

English Language Arts

The students have been working hard on refreshing their blending and segmenting skills using short vowels and consonants. We will continue these skills next week.

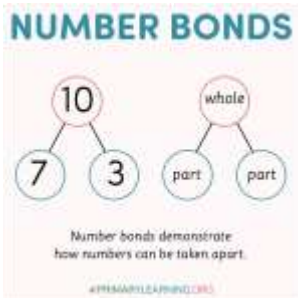
Next week, we will start learning /ee/. Students will practice building and reading words with this sound.

We are also working on our reading fluency to master the sounds from last year and reading stories from our in-class reader!

Please practice your sight words at home!

Math

This week we working on finding the missing addend while using part, part, whole in number bonds.

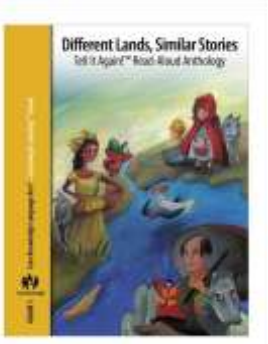


Mad Dog Math has started! Students have 2 minutes to complete a sheet of addition or subtraction problems. Please practice your math facts at home!

Listening & Learning

Students will test on the Human Body! They had a great time with allthe fun hands-on projects!

Next week we will also start a new unit on Similar Stories, Different Lands. We will read variations on Cinderella and Thumbelina.



Core Knowledge is #1!

We get it done with fun!!

Hands-on, Right on! Integrated Science, Social Studies, Math, and Language Arts!

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Important information for: Sept. 7 - Sept. 11

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences are Wednesday and Thursday September 16th and 17th.

Dismissal will be 11:30 - there will be NO aftercare.

If you have not signed up for a conference, please reach out to your child's teacher.
We are excited to discuss your child's progress!



Core Knowledge

Students have been learning the safety of the computers and what information is private and what can be public.

Students will be able to use the computers very soon and learn how to navigate to different parts of the home page

During this time, students have also been learning about our Core Sayings and Phrases. We have been applying real life scenarios to help the students master the meaning behind the phrases.



Reminders

- Socks need to be red, white, or navy blue.
- Student's may need a light sweater in the classroom as they can be cold! Please make sure they are solid navy, red, or white.
- Water bottles must close. The straws need to fold down to help minimize spills.

Thank you for your support!



Sight Words

good, sentence, man, think, say, great, where, help, through, much

Are you up to the Challenge?!

Write each sight word on a flashcard and put them up around your house! When you walk around, read the word you pass!