



What's happening in 1st Grade?

5th 6 Weeks Newsletter and Lesson Plans

News

Our first grade report card has recently been sent home. If you have any questions or concerns, please email your child's teacher.

During the 5th six weeks we will continue to monitor student progress in Reading and Math. This year is really flying by and we are always amazed at how much our students have accomplished in these areas.

We hope you enjoyed working on the desert animal independent study project with your child. These will be displayed at Open house on Monday March 29th.

Our students are very excited about our sight word egg hunt on Wednesday March 31st ! Please remember to send in permission for your child to attend our April 13th Casa Manana Fieldtrip to see Cinderella!

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1st Grade Schedule



8:00	Tardy Bell
8:10 – 9:00	Spelling, Calendar Math, Writing
9:00 – 10:00	Enrichment
10:00 – 11:30	Reading Block
11:30 – 12:00	Lunch
12:00 – 12:30	Recess
12:30 – 1:45	Math Block
1:45 – 2:20	Science
2:20 – 2:50	Social Studies
3:10	Dismissal

Reading

Our reading instruction is done in both whole and small group. The first second weeks we will focus on the following skills: decoding using consonant blends and consonant digraphs, creating words by combining sounds, verbs and nouns, context clues, sort words, fiction, story element plots, story element characters, nonfiction, true or fantasy, fluency, reading independently, listening and speaking skills, teamwork, following directions, spelling high-frequency words, print awareness, phonological awareness, match sounds to letters to construct known words, and use resources to find correct spellings.

Print awareness: recognizing capital and lowercase letters, sequence the letters of the alphabet, recognize the distinguishing features of a sentence (e.g., capitalization of first word, ending punctuation), directionality (following print from top to bottom and left to right, and identify parts of a book.

Word Families: -ank,-oke,-ice,-ight,-oy,-aw,-ay,-ain,-ail and review those learned previously.

Phonological Awareness:

word families, phonogram , rhyme, consonant blends, syllables, long vowels, short vowels, blending and segmenting phonemes to form one and two syllable words, identifying beginning and ending sounds, and isolating initial/medial/final sounds.

Phonics: decode words in context and isolation, consonant digraphs including ch, tch, sh, th, wh, ng, ck, kn, -dge and ph. Recognizing and sounding out words containing Oi/Oy,Ey/Ay.

Sight words: make, into, him, time, like, down, write, go, see, number, no, way, could, people, my, than, who, call, been, Water, first, oil, now, find, long, day, did, get, come, made, part, over, new, great, down, made, great, new, where, sound



Spelling

The spelling list will include 5 Rite Flight (sight words) and 5 word family words (words with the same rime or ending). A new spelling list will be sent home every Monday and the test will be on Friday. We do not assign spelling homework, so it is important to practice the words at home. Here are some activities to help: write words 5 times each, write a sentence with the word, and write the words in different color crayons or pencils.

Handwriting/Writing

We will be starting out with handwriting, using Handwriting Without Tears. There is an example page in our information packet. Please help your child practice handwriting at home.

Our writing will focus on planning a first draft by generating ideas for writing, develop drafts by sequencing ideas through writing sentences, revise drafts by adding or deleting a word, phrase, or sentence, edit drafts, and publish and share writing with others.

Math

Our math program is EnVision Math. This 6 weeks we will cover Topics 14,15,16 : Addition Facts to 18; Ten Making 10 to Add; Adding 3 numbers; Fact Families; Subtraction to 18; Geometry; Exploring : solids, corners planes, and flat shapes. There is a topic test following each topic.

Please remember to log on to
<http://pearsonsuccessnet.com>.

Your child's username is *firstnamelastname* (no spaces or capitals) and password is their *student ID/lunch number*. This online component includes an online version of the book, animated lessons, online quizzes, and games.

Science

- We will start this 6 weeks learning about our daytime and nighttime sky.
- Then will move into studying the desert biome and desert animals.



Social Studies

During the 5th 6 weeks, we will learn about our country, state, and city. Topics include:

- First Grade Rules, School Procedures, Self-Control, Problem Solving, Friendship (respect)
- Laws/rules
- Community leaders Past/Present
- Who is a mayor?
- Who is a president?
- What is government?
- Who is a judge?
- What is a map?
- Community Helpers
- Jobs/Careers
- Black history month topics

