



Fun in First Grade



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Peek at our Week

Reading:

We focused on non-fiction (informational text) stories this week and learned the author's purpose is to inform the reader. Some of the books we read were: "How Animals Communicate", "Animals at Night", and "Insect Messages". Through these stories we learned how creatures such as elephants, rattlesnakes, and bees use their senses to give and get information. We also learned how mosquitoes, honeybees, ants, and fireflies share information.

Writing/Grammar:

We are continuing our word work with nouns, action verbs and adjectives. In spelling we reviewed the short "i" sound, and clusters with "r" (trip, grin, brim). Our first graders work on writing everyday, including mini-lessons on letter formation and neat handwriting. It is important to establish a good foundation at this early age to help alleviate future struggles. We also learned about using a glossary.

Math:

We introduced Chapter 5 focusing on Addition Concepts. Students are demonstrating the meaning of addition; adding facts to 10 and using strategies and skills to solve problems. First graders enjoy utilizing the Active Boards to create their own addition sentences.

"Paws" for These Events

Tue., Oct. 25th - 

 wear blue & gold!!!

Thurs., Oct. 27th- 2:00 Dismissal P/T Conferences

Fri., Oct. 28th- No School P/T Conferences

Mon., Oct. 31st- Fall Parade 1:30



Grrrreat Ideas!

Skills you can reinforce at home:

Practice tying shoes

Counting coins

Writing the digital date

Telling time to the hour and half-hour

Adding and subtracting

Writing descriptive sentences

News from the Teacher:

We will not begin a new unit in Reading next week in order to enjoy Reader's Theater during our shortened workweek! Reader's Theater is a fun way to improve kids' fluency, writing, listening, and social skills.

Monday, Oct. 31st is our Fall Parade and Popcorn Day. If you choose to send in a costume, keep in mind costumes may not have artificial blood on them or on any accessories of a violent nature. Play guns, axes, knives, hatchets, lasers, or other accessories that depict a weapon may not be included with a costume.

REMINDER: You, _____, volunteered to _____ for our party. Thanks!



Character Education: Citizenship

We are teaching first graders about the responsibilities of citizenship by incorporating them in daily classroom chores on a rotating schedule. This teaches children that responsible citizens are invested in working together to keep their community clean. Students can run errands, clean their desks, cross dates off of the class calendar and wipe off the whiteboards.



