



March Newsletter



First Grade

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Marching Our Way through the Month of March!

Points of Interest:

- Encourage your child to take an interest in the A.R. reading program. We are trying to reach our goals!
- The April PTO meeting will be on April 7th at 6:30 pm.
- The end of the third nine weeks is on March 26th Report cards will soon follow!
- Animal research projects are due March 27th.
- We WILL NOT have school on March 20th.
- We WILL have school on March 23rd.

Awesome Website!!

Grade level lessons incorporate areas such as math and language arts while introducing basic computer skills. Many of the kindergarten and first grade activities are equipped with sound to enhance understanding. Fun children's Holiday activities are available in grade level sections!

<http://www.abcya.com/>

Spelling Word Game

With adult supervision, the child can practice writing their spelling words in sand. Fill a shallow baking tin with sand and let the kids write their words in it. This provides a physical experience for the your child.

March is here and we are hoping to see weather that will allow us to get outside to play! Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor weather. Warm coats, hats, gloves and boots are always a good idea!

In Language Arts, we will be reading stories in the nonfiction, realistic fiction, fantasy fiction, and mystery fiction genres. We will also read a story in the form of a play. We will focus on identifying problems and finding the solutions to the problem. We will also work on being able to draw conclusions as we read, which is a strategy good readers learn to do naturally. We are using punctuation and context clues to help us read with expression. By March, first graders should be reading smoothly. We

should not be using our 'robot' voices anymore. Our spelling words will focus on words containing long vowel sounds. In grammar, we will learn about adjectives and how they can be used to describe how many of something. We also will use words to describe feelings. We will compare two or more words by adding -er or -est to the end of words.

We have been very busy this month celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday. First graders were very excited to have parents attend the Dr. Seuss breakfast. Dr. Seuss books are great books to read with your child.

In Math, we will begin developing an understanding of whole number relationships and place value. When adding and subtracting facts, memorization is the quickest of all strategies.

Please keep practicing math flashcards to increase automaticity with math facts. Our district tests the children to see if they are meeting monthly benchmarks. We are expected to complete 50 problems in 4 minutes with 80% accuracy. Any child falling below this benchmark should be practicing their flash cards nightly.

Our animal research projects are due March 27th. Please make sure you use the checklist for each section to help you guide the information that must be included in each section. First grade teachers will use the checklist to grade the projects. We can't wait to share our projects. We will be learning MANY interesting facts about MANY different animals.

We only have one more week to raise money for our field trips in the "Green and Silver Trap the Leprechaun" money drive. First graders are doing an amazing job. First grade teachers have a good feeling that we may be the grade who gets to tape Mrs. Young to the wall. So far first graders have one 4 out of the 5 times for the weekly ice cream treat. Hopefully, we can win one more.