

1ST GRADE NEWS

REMINDERS

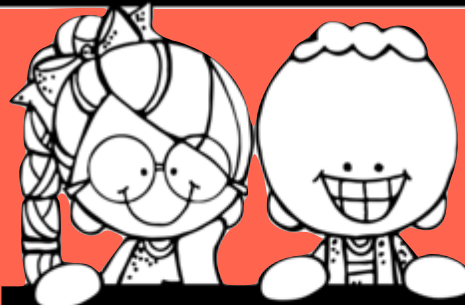
- Library books are due on **TUESDAYS**.
- Due to the change in temperatures, please have your child start dressing for the weather.

AT HOME PRACTICE

- Writing numbers to 120
- Counting by 10's, 5's, and 2's
- Tying shoes laces
- Neat handwriting

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

READING & WRITING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Practice building and reading words with long vowel patterns (cvce - silent e) and digraphs (sh, th, ch, wh, tch) -Identify the main idea and what the story is mostly about -Understand cause and effect relationships within texts -Learn and understand what authors purpose is and why an author writes a story (to persuade, inform or entertain the reader) -Learn how to write about their opinion with reasons to support their thoughts.
MATH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Count numbers by 5's and 10's. -Organize, represent and interpret data with up to three categories -Ask and answer questions about the total number of data points, how many in each category and how many more/less there are in one category than in another.
SOCIAL STUDIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Complete our unit on families and will begin a new unit on economics -Learn about members of the community and their roles/responsibilities -Discuss and identify the differences between needs/wants and goods/services
SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SECOND STEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Learn about empathy and identify different feelings -Recognize facial expressions and body language to determine how others are feeling. -Discuss how feelings can change over time.



NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 Daylight Savings Time (Turn your clocks back an hour)	4	5	6 Picture Retakes	7 Early Release 12:10 dismissal	8 Blue & Gold Spirit Day! Sports Night 6:30-8:30	9
10	11 No School Veteran's Day	12	13 American Education Day 10:30-11:15 World Kindness Day	14	15 Ice Cream Friday	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Blue & Gold Spirit Day! Birthday Bash	23
24	25 Conferences	26 No School Conferences/ Thanksgiving Break	27 No School Thanksgiving Break	28 No School Thanksgiving Break	29 No School Thanksgiving Break	30

ADDITIONAL REMINDERS:

- Please remember that if you are dropping your child off at school in the morning that the school day starts at 8:40 AM. All students are expected to be unpacked and in their seats by that time. If you can get them here by 8:30 that would be even better so that they have plenty of time to get settled in the morning! Thank you!
- With the weather getting colder, please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor recess. If you could please be sure to label their coats, hats and gloves with their name in case they misplace them that will be helpful.
- American Education Week is on Wednesday, November 13th. This is a day where parents are invited to come to school and participate in an activity with your child during the day. If you are able to take a little time off from work, we would love to have you join us. First Grade has a time slot from 10:30-11:15 AM. Please do not worry if you are unable to make it. We completely understand that not all parents are able to get the time off. Your child will still participate in the activity with their peers and have a wonderful time. Be on the lookout for more detailed information regarding this special day from Dr. Martin.

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday, November 13th Elementary South will have its annual American Education Day where parents are welcome to come participate in an activity with their children at school. It also happens to be World Kindness Day. We thought it would be fun to combine the two and do something extra special. This year we are going to have you and your child participate in Project Linus. Project Linus is a national, all-volunteer organization that donates handmade blankets to critically ill and traumatized children. Since 1995, Project Linus has donated over 5,000,000 blankets to children all over the country. Our class will be a part of the Kids Helping Kids Program. This program was started in 2001, and it encourages children to give back to the community by comforting children in crisis. We will be a part of the 75,000 children who have participated.

In order to create our quilt, you and your child will decorate and design a fabric square on American Education Day. This is where we need your help. To complete this project we are in need of more fabric markers from any craft store. If you would like to help donate to this wonderful project, please send in the markers by Friday, November 8th. You can expect more information from Dr. Martin regarding American Education Day.

Thank you!
The First Grade Teachers



