

January 8, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 3rd Quarter of First Grade! I can't believe we already have 2 quarters of the school year completed. I am seeing growth happen every day in our classroom. Your child has been working so hard in school. Please continue to reinforce learning at home.

I am looking forward to another quarter of learning! Below are some of our main topics that we will be learning this quarter.

English Language Arts Focus

- **Unit 5- Wondering: Fiction & Nonfiction**
 - Listen to and discuss a story
 - Wonder and make predictions
 - Refer to text to support thinking
 - Discuss a common theme across texts
 - Identify rhyming words
 - Prefixes: un-, re-, in-,
 - Inflectional Endings: -s, -es, -ed
- Read independently
 - Be able to apply these skills: self monitor, retell, wonder, visualize, make connections
- **Unit 6- Making Connections: NonFiction & Fiction**
 - Listen to and discuss a text
 - Make and write about text-to- self connections
 - Compare and contrast 2 nonfiction texts
 - Discuss personification
 - Suffix: -or
 - Punctuation

Math Focus

Addition and Subtraction Equations

- Find Unknown Numbers
- True/False Equations
- Add Three Numbers
- Solve Word Problems

Represent and Interpret Data

- Organize Data
- Collect and Represent Data
- Interpret Data

Extend the Counting Sequence

- Count by 1s, 10s,
- Count on a number chart or open number line
- Count and Write Numerals

Understand Place Value

- Make Numbers 11-19
- Numbers Made with Tens
- Count Groups of Tens and Ones

**Math Practice Reminders for home*

- Your child should be practicing math facts (addition & subtraction within 20) on a weekly basis.

- Count by 1s, 5s, 10s. Your child should be able to start at a given number and finish the pattern to 120.

General Reminders:

Absent Work:

Please remember that the policy for absence work is that the student will receive their work when they return to school- whether this is an illness or planned absence. The student will have 2 days for every 1 day absent to return the completed work to school.

Green Folder & Student Planner

**Reminder: Check your child's green folder (left at home) and student planner on a nightly basis. We write our exact homework assignments in our planner. Your child's folder should not have any papers on the "left at home" side when returning to school the following day. There is a lot of confusion at school when there are papers left in the folder.

Homework

We have been working really hard on growing our independent reading skills and our number sense skills. Your child should be reading for interest on a daily basis for about 20 minutes. You are more than welcome to use your child's RazKids account at home for reading practice.

101 Student Schedule

Recess & Lunch: 10:30- 11:15

Enrichment: 12:55-1:55

Our Enrichment schedule has changed for the remainder of the school year. Please make note of these changes, especially for PE days.

Monday & Tuesday: Art

Wednesday: Theatre

Thursday & Friday: P.E

Winter Weather

As we know we may see a variety of weather over the next several weeks. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the cold weather (winter coats, hats, gloves) every day. When the weather permits the class will go outside for recess. If your child wears snow boots to school, please make sure to send your child with a change of gym shoes to wear inside the school. Thank you!

If you have questions or concerns, send a note to school or send me an email aburger@cps.edu

Thank you for your continued support!

Best,

Mrs. Wiseman