

January 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 3rd Quarter of First Grade! I can't believe that half the school year has already gone by! 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

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
Read independently
Be able to apply these skills: self monitor, retell, wonder, visualize, make connections

Math Focus

Count and Model Numbers

Count to 120 by ones and tens
Start at any number and continue the counting sequence
Understand tens and ones place value

Model, Read, and Write numbers 100-120

Compare Numbers

Greater Than, Less Than, Equal To

Two Digit Addition and Subtraction

Add & Subtract Tens
Use Place Value to Add
Addition Word Problems

**Math Practice Reminders for home*

Your child should be practicing math facts (addition & subtraction within 20) on a weekly basis. While we have learned the strategies to solve, having a solid foundation and fluency is important for mental math and for when we start adding/subtracting 2 digit numbers in Chapter 8.

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

Attendance:

Being at school every day is extremely important to your child's success and quality of education. We begin Language Arts instruction promptly at 8:00 a.m., please make sure your child has arrived at school on time so they are ready to begin learning with the whole group.

Absent Work

If your child is absent, all missed work will be sent home when your child returns to school. For every 1 day absent, your child will have 2 days to complete and return the work. Absent work *cannot* be sent home prior to an absence.

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 Update

We have been working really hard on growing our independent reading skills and our number sense. 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! Also, please practice skip counting by 2s, 10s, and 5s. Also, students should be practicing addition facts on a daily basis. This can be done orally or by making flash cards. Start with doubles facts. Once your child has memorized doubles facts you can move on to make a 10 facts.

Example:

Doubles Facts

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| 1+1=2 | 6+6=12 |
| 2+2=4 | 7+7=14 |
| 3+3=6 | 8+8=16 |
| 4+4=8 | 9+9=18 |
| 5+5=10 | 10+10=20 |

Make a 10 Facts

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| 1+9=10 |
| 2+8=10 |
| 3+7=10 |
| 4+6=10 |
| 5+5=10 |

Schedule

Enrichment: 12:55-1:55

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|
| Gym | Gym | Art | Theatre | Theatre |

Recess & Lunch: 10:30- 11:15

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

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wiseman