



# First Grade News



## April 2017

### Math

Students will learn how to tell time on the hour and the half hour.

Then, we will begin Unit 8 titled "Two's, Five's and Ten's". Students will continue to work on solving addition and subtraction word problems using various strategies through the end of this unit. Following Unit 8 we will begin our unit on Place Value. In this unit students will learn the value of digits in a 2 digit number. Students will also learn how to add and subtract groups of ten from any given 2 digit number.

*Please continue to practice math facts.*

### Science and Social Studies

In Science we will continue our unit on Earth Science: Earth Systems, Structures, and Processes, in which students learned about the physical properties of Earth Materials and the characteristics of different types of soils. **NOTE: our gem mining field trip will be on April 24.**

The April character trait is **Perseverance**, which is continuing to do something in spite of difficulties or obstacles.

### Dates to Remember

- 6<sup>th</sup> Boosterthon Fun Run (K/1 8:50)
- 7<sup>th</sup>- Spring Break begins (7<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Return to school
- 18<sup>th</sup> SLT at 5:00 and PTA at 5:45; Boosterthon monies due
- 20<sup>th</sup> Report Cards Distributed
- 21<sup>st</sup> College Wear Day and Volunteer Luncheon at 11:00 in the Media Center
- 24<sup>th</sup> Field trip - Diamond Del's (\$9 due 4/18)
- 25<sup>h</sup> Which Wich/TCBY Spirit Night 5-8
- 26<sup>th</sup> Early Release Day at 12:30
- 27<sup>th</sup> PTA General Meeting and Spring Program
- 28<sup>th</sup> Spirit Wear Day

### Writing

Students will continue to learn to write about an opinion piece and support the opinion with reasons.

Afterward, we will also create and publish an actual class book through Studenttreasures ([studenttreasures.com](http://studenttreasures.com)), details will come out later about purchasing one.

### Literacy

Students will continue to learn strategies to figure out unknown words, such as decoding, using context clues, and breaking words into syllables to sound them out.

Please remember to have your child read to an adult nightly. Students should be reading 47 wpm (words per minute) before the end of the school year.

### First Grade Goals:

- \*All 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will know 200 sight words by the end of first grade.
- \*All 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will be able to read a minimum of 47 words per minute.
- \*All 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will have memorized addition and subtraction facts within 10.

### Reminders

- Agenda:** Please continue to check and sign your child's agenda book each night. Please record your child's daily reading.
- Math Facts Tests:** These tests will continue through April, study every week.
- Thursday Folder:** The Thursday folder will be sent home each Thursday. Please make sure to go through your child's work and return folders to school on Friday.
- Book Baggies:** Please have your child practice writing out the answers to the TRC comprehension questions weekly and get new books on Mondays.