



Respect, Opportunity, Acceptance, and Resilience

November 1, 2017

Dear First Grade Parents,

Hello again first grade parents. We have completed our second full month of school. In math we have worked on addition and subtraction strategies. In reading we have worked on story elements and finding details in the pictures and the words. In CKLA we are currently working on the body, but have finished working on fables and folktales. In science, we have been working on the weather, seasons, day and night and how these parts of the atmosphere affect our planet. In Social Studies we have been talking about all kinds of families and what makes a family. As you can see, we have accomplished a lot this past month!

Remember that students must wear their uniform every day. We are still practicing R.O.A.R – Respect, Opportunity, Acceptance and Resilience. We are also practicing the seven habits every day. You can look online to find books and videos that describe each habit in detail:

<http://www.theleaderinme.org/parents/>

Students are celebrated when they practice the 7 Habits and our R.O.A.R. principals. Parents of the student of the month are invited to the monthly assembly to celebrate them. Our assembly will be on Friday, Nov. 10, 2017 at 9:40 am.

Open School Week is the week of November 13th. On **Thursday, November 16th**, we invite you to come visit first grade classrooms at 1:30 pm. You are also invited to visit our Arts room from 8:15 – 8:45am. Remember, parent engagement is every Tuesday at 2:30 pm. Please make an appointment ahead of time.

PS/IS 30 will be closed on Tuesday, November 7th for Election Day, as well as **Thursday, November 23rd and Friday November 24th for Thanksgiving Recess**. **Parent Teacher Conferences** are being held on **Thurs., Nov. 30th**. Please note that it is a **half day**. **Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am.**

Please visit our school website: www.psis30pta.org for important reminders and resources throughout the school year. Please also remember that we are a uniform school, and that students **must** wear their uniforms each day. Thank you for your support.

ELA/CKLA	<p>First grade will learn about <u>The Body</u>. Students will understand and explain the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is in our body? • What does the skeletal system do for us? • What is the job of the muscular system? • What is the circulatory system's function? • What the nervous system includes. • What makes a healthy diet? • Why do we have to keep our bodies clean? <p>Students will be reading non-fiction books.</p>
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Writing	We will cover informational writing during this month. We will discuss real topics and how we are able to get useful information from them. Then students will write an informational piece.
Foundations	We are currently working on Consonant – Vowel – Consonant words (C-V-C). We need to use the letter sounds we know to make these words. We also need to be able to “tap out” these c-v-c words. Remember, not all words can be tapped out. Only those CVC words with a short vowel can be tapped out (ex. fit, brag).
Math	<p>First graders will begin chapter 3- All about addition and the strategies to help us add.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction. • Understand and apply properties of operations and the relationship between addition and subtraction. • Add and subtract within 20. This section includes a big strategy that students need to know- counting on. 7+3 means they already have 7 and have to count on 3 more...8, 9, 10. The sum is 10. <p>Other strategies you will see in the homework are beneficial but this is one strategy that needs to be embedded in them.</p>
Science	First grade has been discussing why we have seasons. We talked about the Earth doing a revolution around the sun. We discussed the reason for day and night and the connection to the earth’s rotation. Next will be exploring the phases of the moon and after that we will discuss how weather can be measured.
Social Studies	<p>We will continue to work on families this month. First grade will learn more about different types of families, what makes a family, who is in each other’s family, and what responsibilities the family members have in their homes? Some topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family cultures • What do families celebrate? • With whom do we celebrate?

WEBSITES

ELA

<https://www.themeasuredmom.com/free-printable-cvc-word-list/>

Science

<https://www.windows2universe.org/earth/Atmosphere/overview.html>

The 7 Habits

<http://www.theleaderinme.org/parents/>