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Respect, Opportunity, Acceptance, and Resilience

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Dear First Grade Parents,

We have completed our third full month of school! In math we have worked on addition and subtraction strategies. In reading we have worked on summarizing the story by putting it into our own words and making predictions. In CKLA we are currently working on stories that we have heard which come from different places around the world. In Science we will continue to work on the weather, seasons, day and night and how all these things come about on our planet. We will finish up our weather and season discussion by learning about the temperature, how to measure it and what animals or objects are dependent on certain temperatures. In Social Studies we have been talking about all kinds of families and what makes a family. Right now we are comparing and contrasting families in order to discuss diversity. As you can see, we have accomplished so much and there is still so much to do.

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/>. Remember, parent engagement is every Tuesday at 2:30 pm. Please make an appointment ahead of time.

Please visit our school website: for important reminders and resources throughout the school year.

www.psis30pta.org

Events This Month:

- Dec. 6-** Grade 1 Trip to the Nutcracker. Make sure you send in the permission slip
- Dec. 8-** Students of the Month Elementary Assembly 9:30 am. Students will be honored again during Decembers PTA meeting. we celebrate all our students of the month for each class, art, music and physical education.
- Dec. 22-** Report-cards will be given out.
Holiday Show! There will be a limited number of tickets given out due to space. Flyers will be coming out soon.

Reading	First grade will learn about similar fiction stories from different lands. We will be reading some classic stories. Each one changes based on when the story was written and where the story comes from. We will analyze, compare and contrast each. For example, we have Tom Thumb, Thumbelina and Issun Bochi which all have main characters the size of your finger.
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Math	First grade has entered to a new chapter all about subtraction and the strategies to help us subtract (take away). A big strategy that students need to know is counting back. 7-3 means they already have 7 and have to count back 3 ...6, 5, 4. The difference (answer) is 4. Another strategy is using addition to solve subtraction. Using the same example, students can count forward from 3 to solve the problem. After chapter 4, we will then have to decide whether to add or subtract. So practice your strategies!
Science	First grade will be moving to measuring the temperature. Students will explore how we measure the temperature. They will also learn how we adapt to the temperature and why animals or objects depend on certain kinds of weather.
Social Studies	We are comparing and contrasting our families so that we can better understand and discuss diversity in our community and our culture.
Writing	We are working our writing stamina. Our goal is to write 5 complete sentences. We are writing personal narratives at this time. So the students are the characters in their own story. They need a title for their story, a good opening sentence (they can use the title in their opening), followed by details. Three details can become three sentences.
Fundations	This month we are currently working on chapter 3 which covers digraphs. Digraphs are 2 consonants that make one sound. We are using the digraphs sh, ck, ch, th, and wh. We will also start chunking our words together while reading to build better fluency.

**Happy
 Holidays!**