

**MARY WHITE OVINGTON PS/IS 30**

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***Where LEADERS ROAR!***  
***Respect, Opportunity, Acceptance, and Resilience***

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Dear First Grade Parents,

Hello again and Happy New Year! 新年快乐! سعيدة جديدة سنة! We have completed our fourth 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 have been discussing the Earth's rotation as well as its revolution around the sun. They know that this is why we have day, night and the different seasons. Now, we are up to Properties and Matter. In Social Studies we will finish up our discussion that is specifically on families and use that information to talk about our community and why it is so diverse.

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

On January 5th, our assembly to celebrate all our students of the month for each class, and art, music and physical education was cancelled due to the weather. Certificates will be given out at the PTA meeting and students will be honored during the February assembly.

On **January 15<sup>th</sup>**, school will be closed in honor of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** Our monthly parent visit will be on **January 17<sup>th</sup>**. Parents are invited into the classroom during 8<sup>th</sup> period to take part in a lesson with their child. Finally, on **January 30<sup>th</sup>**, first grade teachers will conduct a Guided Reading workshop at 2:30pm. We will show you what we do during guided reading and how you can teach those skills at home.

Please visit our school website for important reminders and resources throughout the school year:  
**[www.psis30pta.org](http://www.psis30pta.org)**

<b>Reading</b>	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 feature a character the size of your finger. Then we will move on to History of The America's.
<b>Writing</b>	We are working on our writing stamina in order to write 5 sentences. We are re-telling the stories we read. Now after students read or listen to a story they will be able to write about what they read in their own words without having to copy from the text.  Afterward, we will start informative writing. Students will be asked to write about something they know and inform us about it.

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<b>Fundations</b>	This month we are currently working on chapter 4. We are up to bonus letters. They are f, l, and s as used in the words stuff, wall, and miss. They make one sound but have two of the same letters at the end of the word.
<b>Math</b>	First grade has begun a new chapter- all about related facts in addition and subtraction. Students need to know how addition and subtraction are linked together. $1+2=3$ and $3-2=1$ are related facts. They need to be able to use clue words in number stories to differentiate between addition and subtraction. For instance, fewer means to take away while altogether means addition.
<b>Science</b>	First grade is finishing up with weather and seasons. Next we will move on to properties of matter. Solids, liquids and gases will be discussed over the next couple of weeks followed by some hands-on science experiments.
<b>Social Studies</b>	In First Grade, students will learn about how families live in diverse neighborhoods and communities.

## Resources:

1) Raz-kids.com

\*To have the newsletter translated, please come in or call during parent engagement time on Tuesdays from 2:30 – 3:00 pm.

如需学校月报翻译，请在星期二下午2:30 - 3:00在家长接触时间进来或打电话。

\* Para que se traduzca el boletín informativo, ingrese o llame durante el horario de participación de los padres los martes de 2:30 a 3:00 p.m.

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