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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 concepts. In reading we have worked on story elements, finding details in the pictures and the words, summarizing, and predicting. In CKLA, we have finished working on fables and folk tales. In Science we have been working on animals and how they can survive in their habitat. In Social Studies we have been talking about all kinds of families including what makes a family and who the people in their families. As you can see, we have covered many topics and there is still so much more to do!

**Remember that students must wear their uniform every day.** We are still practicing R.O.A.R – Respect, Opportunity, Acceptance and Resilience, in addition to the leader in me seven habits every day. You can look online to find books and videos that describe each habit in detail: <http://www.theleaderinme.org/parents/>.

**Events This Month!**

**Parent engagement is every Tuesday at 2:30.** To discuss your child, please make an appointment ahead of time. On **Nov. 20, 2019**, during parent engagement time, we will be conducting a **Guided Reading Workshop** for you. **There is no school on Election Day, Tues., November 6<sup>th</sup> .** **Wed. November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 12:45** will be our first grade assembly in the Annex cafeteria. Parents of the students of the month are invited to attend. All N.Y.C. D.O.E. schools will be closed for **Veterans Day on Mon., Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> .** Schools will also be closed for **Thanksgiving Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> .** PS/IS 30 will have **Parent Teacher Conferences on Tues., November 27<sup>th</sup> .** The first session will be from 12:30 -2:30 pm, and the second will be from 4:30-7:30 pm by appointment. Forms will be sent home so you can make an appointment. **No one can be seen without an appointment.** Please visit our school website: [www.psis30pta.org](http://www.psis30pta.org) for important reminders and resources throughout the school year.

**What we will be learning this month:**

<b>CKLA</b>	First grade will learn about The Body. Student will understand and explain the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is in our body?</li> <li>• What does the skeletal system do for us?</li> <li>• What is the job of the muscular system?</li> <li>• What is the circulatory system’s function?</li> </ul>
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<b>CKLA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does the nervous system include?</li> <li>• What makes a healthy diet?</li> <li>• Why is a healthy diet important?</li> <li>• Why do we have to keep our bodies clean?</li> </ul>
<b>Writing</b>	<p>We will move on to Personal Narrative writing during this month. Narratives are about telling a story both real or created.</p>
<b>Fundations</b>	<p>We have been working on Consonant – Vowel – Consonant words (CVC). We need to use the letter sounds we know to make these words. We also need to be able to “tap out” these cvc words. Remember, not all words can be tapped out, trick words need to be recognized. We will be moving on to using digraphs in words. Digraphs are 2 letters that make one sound ex. th and sh.</p>
<b>Math</b>	<p>First grade will explore a new chapter which is all about addition and the strategies to help us add. A big strategy that students need to know is counting on. 7+3 means they already have 7 and have to count on 3 more...8, 9, 10. The sum (answer to an addition problem) is 10. Other strategies you see in the homework are beneficial but this is one strategy that needs to be embedded in students’ thought processes.</p>
<b>Science</b>	<p>First graders have been discussing 2 animals in particular- Spruce, a sea turtle, and a porcupine. Spruce lived in an aquarium and is now being released into the ocean. Students were asked to think about what Spruce needs to make sure he survives on his own in the wild. The porcupine was important for us to discuss how an animal can protect itself. Next we will discuss predators in the wild and how other animals protect themselves.</p>
<b>Social Studies</b>	<p>We will continue working on Families this month. First grade will learn about different types of families including what makes a family, the members of a family, and what responsibilities the family members have in their homes. Some topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family cultures</li> <li>• What do families celebrate?</li> <li>• With whom do families celebrate?</li> </ul>