

First Grade News

November 17, 2014

Dear Parents,

We hope that you enjoyed the chilly weekend. Here's our news!

Tonight's Homework

Turkey Lurkey's Rhyme Time worksheet

Phonics/Penmanship:

We will not be introducing new word wall words this week. Keep practicing the ones that have been introduced at home. There are many ways to practice the words, such as writing them in shaving cream on a sheet pan or sky writing them. Attached, please find a helpful list of ways to practice the words at home.

Reading:

We have continued our nonfiction unit of study and learned that not all nonfiction books look the same. The students have learned about biographies, how to and all about books. They have also started to explore the various features that nonfiction book have to offer, such as a table of contents, photographs and section headings. This week we will continue to explore more nonfiction features.

Math

Some of our class investigations are focusing on the strategies compensation and equivalence. Children may initially have a difficult time comprehending that $5+3$ is equivalent to $4+4$. The big ideas here are compensation and equivalence- that if you lose one (from the five, for example) but gain it (onto the three), the total stays the same. These big ideas, once constructed, allow children to realize that a problem like $6+8$ can be solved with a double, $7+7$.

Social Studies

Mark your calendars for **Monday, November 24!** First grade is preparing for our *first presentation!* We will be presenting the story of The First Thanksgiving. Here is our schedule:

1-Rojee 10:45-11:30 (in room 10)
1-Jacobs 11:00-11:45 (in room 6)
1-Cabezas 11:15-12:00 (in room 5)

****Please arrive early enough to sign in at the main office. We will be starting the presentations promptly. Thank you for understanding!**

Respectfully yours,

Allison Cabezas
Debbie Jacobs
Maureen Rojee

***See page below for helpful strategies for practicing word wall words!

Practice Your Sight Words

1. Make an extra set of cards and play memory.
2. Hang up two sight words and race your child across the room to read the sight word in "your lane".
3. Go on a Sight Word Scavenger Hunt by hiding the flashcards around the house.
4. Play Sight Word War - each player turns over a sight word and whoever reads the sight word first wins both cards.
5. Make a Bingo board with the sight words. Play Bingo.
6. Create a word search puzzle on www.puzzlemaker.com
7. Make an extra set of cards and play Go Fish.
8. Make a Tic Tac Toe board with the sight words. Play Tic Tac Toe.
9. Flashlight words - tape the words up on the ceiling and turn off the lights. Use the flashlight to read the words.
10. Make the words using play-dough, sand or shaving cream.

