

Dear Parents,
We hope you had a great weekend. Here's our news!

Phonics/Penmanship

The new words for this week are: **boy, girl, big, in, they.**

Including this week's words, we have now introduced 55 word wall words this year. Below you will find a list of all 55 introduced words. Please keep this list at home to practice!

Writing

As we finish up our work with nonfiction teaching books, we have been working on editing and revising our work carefully. Going back and rereading a story is not something that most first graders typically do on their own. It is something that they are learning to do as they work on their piece each day. While editing, the students have learned that there are particular things to keep an eye out for. Here is a poster that we use in our classrooms during writing.



C → **Capitals** (First letter and names)

O → **Organized** (Neatness counts! Does it make sense?)

P → **Punctuation** . , ! ? “ ”

S → **Spelling** (use the word wall to spell words correctly.)

Don't forget to use patterns you know to build new words (-ake = bake, shake)

Math

This week our learning shifts to fractions. We will be learning that fractions are equal parts of a whole. Today we kicked off our learning by trying to divide imaginary cakes into fair shares. We started off by trying to divide the cake so that 2 friends could share it. Then, we tried to divide another cake so that 4 people could share it. We learned about halves and fourths.

Health

Scrubby Bear has been teaching our classes about germs and the importance of handwashing. The students have learned that germs live everywhere - in the air, in food, in water, on objects, and even on our bodies! The students have reviewed ways to prevent the spread of germs by practicing good personal hygiene. We have also learned the 6 steps for handwashing. Last week the students received a chart to help them keep track of their handwashing for homework. When they bring the completed chart back to school, they will become an official member of the *Scrubby Bear Clean Hands Club!!!!* They will receive a membership card as soon as the completed chart is handed in. How exciting!!

Respectfully yours,
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****See word wall words below!**

Word Wall words as of 1-11-16

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