

November 21, 2016

First Grade Newsletter

Dear First Grade Parents,

We hope you enjoy your Thanksgiving Break with your family. Our Turkey projects are all hung in the classroom, and the kids did a wonderful job disguising them! Here is our news...

**Word Work:** There are no new words this week, due to the short holiday week. For homework tonight, please complete the Turkey Lurkey Rhyme Time.

**Reading:** We are continuing to talk about nonfiction books and the many features nonfiction books have. We will not be bringing reading books home on Tuesday, due to the short week. Instead, your child will be bringing a Time for Kids newspaper article home about Thanksgiving. Please read this article with your child and have your child complete the assignment.

**Math:** We are continuing to enjoy number corner in November! We have really focused on fractions and telling time. Students have discovered a pattern of friendly animals chomping snacks into wholes, halves, and fourths in the Calendar Grid, and the focus on fractions carries over to Calendar Collector. There we have introduced telling time to the hour, and students use fractions of a circle to consider whole and half on an analog clock. We just celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> day of school and we used the hundreds grid to discover how we are halfway to the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school.

Respectfully yours,

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