

Dear Parents,

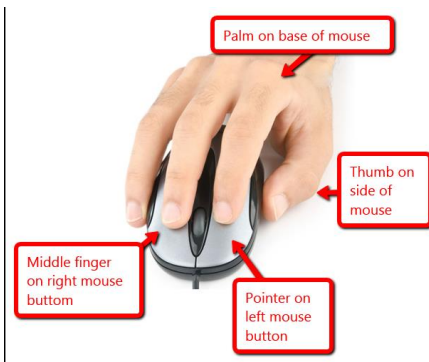
It is hard to believe that it's the last month of the year. This month is always very exciting for kids.

Library Learning Commons

Here are some projects that Mrs. Psenicnik has worked on with the children during LLC.

http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/jen/library_blog/1st-graders-imagine-with-wixie/

While many 1st Grade students may have a lot of experience using touch screens on tablets and other devices, they have less exposure to using a computer mouse. In school, we have been working on mouse skills such as clicking, dragging and dropping using various online activities and games. Students also learn to navigate through the links and webpages available on the Virtual Library by scrolling up and down. In order to gain more exposure and practice, we appreciate your partnership in helping your child whenever possible to correctly use a computer mouse at home. The picture below shows the correct placement of palm and fingers on the mouse.



Below are a few suggested websites with lots of fun activities for mouse practice:

<https://www.abcmouse.com/email/mouse-and-pointer>

<http://mousepractice.altervista.org/>

http://www.abcya.com/first_grade_computers.htm

Have fun clicking, dragging, dropping and navigating using a computer mouse!

Mrs. P

Word Wall Words

The new words for the week are: that, said, how, on, here. Please complete at least 3 activities from the spelling menu. Your child should be able to read and write each word in a snap. Your child should also be able to apply different spelling patterns to build new words. For example, knowing how to spell the word *that* helps to spell: flat, bat, chat, splat.

Reading

We are currently meeting with each student to formally assess reading growth since September. We are amazed at the progress they have made since the beginning of the school year!

Reading homework for Tuesday: For tomorrow's homework, please read some books on Big Universe.

Social Studies

We have been learning about maps. We started by thinking about the types of maps we have seen, such as treasure maps, map of the zoo, map of the United States. We will be discussing the compass rose and how to determine the direction someone/something is traveling.

Winter Craft Celebration

We will be having a winter craft celebration in our classrooms on Tuesday, December 19 from 11:20-11:55am. We will be doing a winter themed craft and reading winter stories. All families are encouraged to attend.

Sincerely,

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