



# First Grade News

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JOIN PTA  
TODAY!



**Remember to wear a jacket to school. We will be going outside unless the temperature is below 45 degrees. Also, it would be helpful to put your child's name in his or her jacket. Numerous jackets and hoodies are being lost.**

**Hat Day: Every Friday, if your child brings in \$1.00 s/he may wear a hat. Money goes to Relay for Life.**

## Reading

We are continuing our read aloud, Lulu and the Brontosaurus. We are making improvements in retelling (summarizing) chapters after they are read. Pulling out the most important events from their reading is a very difficult skill for children of this age.

We will be reading nonfiction texts on George Washington Carver and Martin Luther King Jr. to learn the impact they have made on our life today.

RF1,2,3: phonological awareness, phonics, and word recognition  
RL2: Identifies key details; retells stories  
RL3: describes story elements using key details  
RL4: relating fiction and nonfiction  
RL5 Identify point of view in a story

## Math

Learning that the number fifty two is five groups of ten and two ones is our main focus this week. Students need to be able to understand this before they can compare two digit numbers, as well as add and subtract them. We are using manipulatives such as base ten blocks and place value mats in the classroom to practice this skill. You can make tens rods at home by gluing ten beans on craft sticks.

An important skill in math is to be able to explain your thinking when solving a problem. Students will be required by the end of first grade to not only solve, the word problem, but to show and explain what they did.

## School - to -Home Connection

**Reading:** When your child does the reading fluency homework, time their reading at least once each night. Challenge them to beat their time from the day before.

**Math:** Let your child scoop out a handful of some small object dried beans, pasta, buttons) and sort them into groups of ten. Have them record the number of tens and ones as a two digit number.

**Phonics:** While reading, be on the lookout for words with suffixes and prefixes. Ask your child what they think the root or base word is.

## Looking Ahead...

## Upcoming Events

Event	Date
NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	1/18
Cheese Burger Bobby's	1/25
2 Hour Early Release	2/3
Family Dance	2/5
Valentine Exchange	2/13
Winter Break	2/15- 19th

## Language Arts

In language arts the students are learning how to combine simple sentences into compound sentences using conjunction words (and, or, but, so, because).

For spelling this semester students are being scored on how they use words with the previously learned sound patterns in their writing.

Due to the short week, we will not be having daily phonics sheets or a test on Friday.

L1j: compound sentences  
L2d: conventions in spelling

## Specials:

Mon: N/A  
Tues: pe  
Wed: art  
Thurs: pe  
Fri: pe

## S.S./Science

**What a great time of year to learn about how water changes according to the temperature!**

H1 a-b: Historical Figures in American History.

S1e: Observes and records changes in water as it relates to weather.

## Homework:

**Fluency passage and fluency packet are due Friday.**

**Little readers read tp a parent and signed by parents can be extra Dojo points**

## Notes from Mrs. Rhodes:

*Make sure your child knows where their library book is. Several students are missing theirs. Late notices went home last week.*