

1st Grade News

April 8, 2024



Preparing for Literacy Testing

We are focusing on READING, READING, READING as Literacy testing is in just a few weeks! We can't wait to see how much our first graders have grown in their reading this year. Keep up that practice at home! Students need to read 47 correct words per minute to meet benchmark in first grade. As always, thank you for partnering with us in building your child's reading skills!

Planning Ahead for our Field Trip

1. Please plan to **pack a lunch** for your child this day. We will be eating lunch when we return to school, which is after our regular scheduled lunch time. (Sun-butter and Jelly is the only order option available that day).
2. Please have your child wear **comfortable walking shoes!**

Important Dates:

April 12th - Progress Reports Go Home

April 17th-
Dress up Day for 5th/6th grade Concert

April 25th - Field Trip to Fountain Creek Nature Center
- Art Show 5pm

April 26th - Service Run (all donations go to support St. Jude Children's Hospital)

May 2nd - 3rd - Literacy Testing (No regular School)

May 10th - Declaration Recitation in Assembly

May 20-23 Camp Learned A Lot
23rd - 1/2 day & Last Day of School

In Our Curriculum:

Spelling

Spelling Lists: 49 & 50
[spelling lists](#)

Core Knowledge

Plants and Animals: We start out by examining plants, and how they survive.

Poetry

Declaration of Independence
Thomas Jefferson

Memorize this section: "We hold these truths....consent of the governed."

[Declaration of Independence](#)

***We are running low on tissues and baby wipes in our classrooms. If you are able to donate a box or two, we would really appreciate it!**

Math Facts

Please, please, please continue to quiz your kiddos on math facts up to 20. Quick recall of these facts really improves the kids' ability to utilize the strategies we are working with each day during our math lesson.

Math

This week we will finish up using strategies to add multi-digit numbers. Please remember that we do not stack numbers in first grade as we are really working hard to establish number sense when working with numbers. We will test the addition strategies before moving on to subtraction next week.

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