



# January News



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## First Grade Newsletter

### Reading/ELA

In January we will begin our unit on Word Detectives. In this unit, students will learn strategies to figure out new vocabulary and tricky words as their books begin to get more challenging. Students will learn strategies to use during reading to figure out new or unknown words.

### Writing

In January we will continue our unit on informational writing. We will continue writing All About Books about a topic that we know a lot about. We will use what we know about nonfiction text and nonfiction text features to write books. We will continue to stretch out words in order to spell, write our sight words, and make sure we use the correct punctuation. We will be finishing this unit at the end of January.

### Science

In January we will finish our unit on animal and plant defenses. In this unit, students learned about animal and plant structures and what animals and plants need to do to survive. We will also begin our next unit on Light and Sound. In this unit, students will act as light and sound engineers as they are asked to design, build, and then project a scene for a puppet show. As light engineers, they will have to answer the question; how do we make different parts of a surface brighter or darker? Students will be investigating cause-and-effect relationships.

### Social Studies

In January, first graders will finish learning about how families and communities are important. Students will begin their next unit on families now and long ago. In this unit students will learn about life long ago and make comparisons to how life is today.

### Japanese DLP Science

In January we will continue and finish the unit on animal and plant defenses. In this unit, students learn about animal and plant structures. We learned the structure of tortoise in Japanese. We will understand how they protect themselves from predators.

### Japanese DLP Social Studies

In January, first graders will continue to learn about family rules, traditions and customs. Especially, new year is an important time for Japanese family, we will learn how Japanese people celebrate the new year and we will know the different culture. We will finish learning the unit "How families and communities are important".



## Math

In January, first graders will be learning about addition and subtraction relationships. Students will practice addition and subtraction strategies. Students will also learn about related facts and how to identify related facts (Example:  $2+5=7$  or  $5+2=7$  and  $7-5=2$  or  $7-2=5$ ). Students will also learn how to choose the correct operation (addition or subtraction) and how to solve addition and subtraction word problems. Students will also begin learning about how to count and model numbers. Students will learn how to count by ones and by tens (Example: 10, 20, 30, 40...). Students will learn how to model numbers as tens and ones (Example: 24 is 2 tens and 4 ones). Also, students will continue to solve word problems involving these numbers.



## Word Study

We will be doing a variety of activities during word study. We will be practicing our letters and letter sounds to build a strong phonetic (letter-sound) foundation. We will also learn how to spell words by using all that we know about letter sounds. We will continue to practice writing sight words and learn new vocabulary words. We will engage in activities such as writing words in ABC order and writing words in sentences.

## Reminders:

- Please remember to complete homework every night.
- Your child should be reading every night for at least 20 minutes.
- Please sign your child's reading log every night.
- Please come to school every day on time.
- Our school collects "box tops for education." Please send in any you collect.
- If you wish for your child to eat breakfast in school, please be here by 7:15 am.

## Important Dates:

- **January 2<sup>nd</sup>**: School Resumes
- **January 11<sup>th</sup>**: PS 147 Day- Wear School Gear
- **January 14<sup>th</sup>** : Picture Retake Day
- **January 21<sup>st</sup>**: No School - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day !
- **January 25<sup>th</sup>**: Sharpen the Saw - Wear comfy, cozy clothing
- **January 29<sup>th</sup>**: Character Education Assembly @ 9am in the Auditorium
- **January 29<sup>th</sup>**: United we Stand - wear colors that represent your heritage
- **January 30**: Parents in the Classroom @8:15am followed by PTA Meeting @9am in the McKibbin Street Side
- Teachers are available to meet with parents every Tuesday from 2:30- 3:00pm.

