



# October News

PS 147  
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## First Grade Newsletter

### Reading/ELA

We will be working on becoming stronger and more independent readers. Students will learn to build reading habits and use strategies during reading. Students will learn how to become better readers by using strategies to figure out tricky words. Students will practice reading in a small group and in partnerships.

### Writing

We will be working on discovering and capturing small moments, which we will turn into big stories. We will also be working on rewriting and revising our stories to create strong beginnings and endings. Students will practice using sequence words such as first, then, next, after, last, and finally. Students will practice adding details to their stories by making their characters move, feel, and talk.

### Science

Our science unit begins by learning about animal and plant defenses. In this unit, students will be taking on the role as scientists who need to help an aquarium director instruct other children on how a sea turtle will be safe to go back into the ocean where she came from. By the end of the unit, students will be able to use ideas of structures and function to explain how a wide variety of animals and plants and their offspring defend themselves in order to survive. Students will be learning about what plants and animals need to survive and how plants and animals meet their needs.

### JDLP Science

Students will learn the vocabulary related to the animal and plant defenses unit. By using these words, they will be able to explain the main idea of what they learned in this unit.



### Social Studies

Our social studies unit begins by learning about how families and communities are important. Students will think why families are important and how they influence who we are. Students will also make the connection between families and communities to understand the importance of traditions, values, customs, languages, and how they influence one another.

### JDLP Social Studies

Students will learn the vocabulary related to the family. They will make a book about their family and learn the importance of families and societies.

## Math

For first graders, students will learn about subtraction concepts. Students will learn how to solve subtraction problems by using pictures. Students will also learn how to subtract zero and how to subtract 10 or less. Students will also learn about addition strategies. Students will learn how to add in any order, how to count on, how to add doubles (example:  $4+4=8$ ), how to make a ten to add, and how to add 3 numbers together.

## 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:

- October 8<sup>th</sup>: Columbus Day- No School!
- October 29<sup>th</sup>: Character Education Assembly at 9am.
- October 31<sup>st</sup>: Parents in the Classroom at 8:15am - Play Math Games! (Mrs. Calma's class will meet in the library, Mrs. Lepore's class will meet in the classroom)
- Teachers are available to meet with parents every Tuesday from 2:30- 3:00pm.

