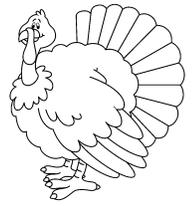


First Grade November Newsletter



ELA



Readers' Workshop

Readers will become word detectives and use all they know to solve words! They will use various decoding strategies to help them figure out tricky words as well as learning the importance of rereading to improve fluency which directly improves comprehension. While reading with your child, remind them to utilize these decoding strategies when they get stuck on a word! Good luck, detectives!

Writers' Workshop

How-to Books: Our first grade writers will be experts and teach their areas of expertise through writing. They will write in a way that readers can read the text and follow the directions.

Please encourage your children to use iReady!

Fundations

Students will continue to read and write words by "tapping them out". Please help your child practice the "trick words".



Social Studies

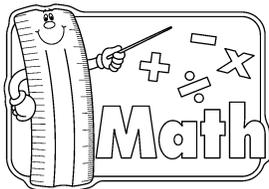
- Veterans' Day
- Holiday traditions and customs

Science

- Sun, Moon and Stars exploration

Health

- Healthy lifestyles (washing hands & getting enough sleep)
- Proper clothing for the weather



Students will continue to work on addition and subtraction strategies. Please practice number facts to 20.



Special Area News

Music

In the month of November, the children will be learning about steady beat, pitch and rhythm through singing games and playing xylophones.



Library

In Library, students will be learning the basic components of a nonfiction book. They will also be learning the difference between facts and opinions. In addition, our first graders will be taught the "Five Finger Test" in order to help them choose appropriate books. Please continue to read with your child every night. It is one of the greatest gifts you can give your child.



Physical Education

In the month of November, we will be finishing up our fitness stations. We will then work on our eye-foot coordination. Through a variety of exercises, activities and games, we will focus on the foundational skills of soccer.

Please always remember to wear sneakers and refrain from wearing loose-fitting clothing and jewelry.

English Language Learners

During the month of November, the English Language Learners will incorporate the nutrition theme into their instruction. They will also learn about the traditions and symbols of Thanksgiving.

The students will read a variety of literature selections about the holidays celebrated and respond through discussions and various written activities.

The ELA lessons will incorporate reading, writing, listening and speaking tasks to improve their English language skills. Additionally, there will be skill-building activities to help students with the reading program in the mainstream classes.

