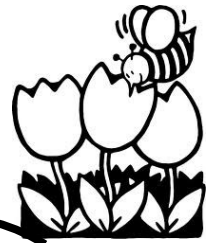




First Grade April Newsletter



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Readers' Workshop

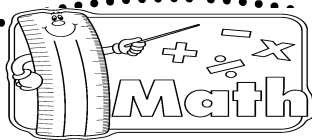
We are beginning a new unit, Reading Nonfiction Cover to Cover. Students will be working in book clubs and exploring nonfiction topics. In this unit students will become experts on nonfiction topics by reading books, asking questions, and talking with each other.

Writers' Workshop

Poetry: In this unit, the children will learn to experiment with powerful language, to use line breaks, metaphor, and comparison to convey feelings. With hard work, by the end of the unit the students will be able to use both precise and also extravagant language to capture what they see and feel. We will also start working on our Amazing Authors books, which you will be able to see on display.

Foundations

Students will be learning the syllable pattern vowel-consonant-e. Students will be working on learning the long vowel sound for each vowel. Please continue to practice "trick words" at home!



Students are continuing to work on addition and subtraction strategies and comparing numbers. We will also be starting measurement and learning to tell time to the hour and half hour. Our first grade learners will do also be learning about graphs. They will learn to make and read bar graphs, picture graphs, and tally charts.

Science

- Chick eggs
- Lifecycle of seed

Social Studies

- Spring
- Easter
- Earth Day



Special Area News



Music

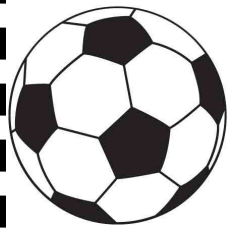
First graders will begin to learn some fun songs during the month of April. They will be practicing for a show they will perform for parents in May.

Library

The weather is getting nicer and the days are getting longer. Children will want to be outdoors more. Balance this with some quality reading times or perhaps a trip to the Longwood Public Library. National Library Week is the week of April 7th -13th. Arbor Day, April 26, is an opportune time to read about trees that grow locally, or reading books about planting a vegetable garden.



Physical Education



To start April, we will be revisiting our ball handling skills. We will be focusing on our dribbling, passing and shooting, first with our hands and then our feet and the association with basketball and soccer. With the continued practice, the students will be amazed with the progress of their skills and abilities.

As always, we ask that your child come to the gym prepared with sneakers, as well as refraining from wearing any jewelry.

