

First Grade February Newsletter



ELA

Readers' Workshop

Readers Can Be Their Own Teachers:

In this unit, the students will realize that they are, in fact, "big-kid" readers now. They have strategies to be in charge of their own reading and to get through hard parts all by themselves. Students will learn to solve their own reading dilemmas by drawing on tools and strategies they have learned.

Writers' Workshop

Writing Reviews:

In this unit, the students will learn opinion writers write with lots of reasons, not just one, and they support those reasons with details. Students will write reviews about restaurants, movies, books, places, and toys.

Fundations

The students will be reading and writing words containing blends and digraph blends. Words in this unit will have four sounds. For example: best, sent, drop, flap, bunch, and shrug.



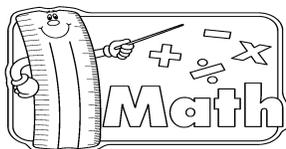
Social Studies

- Black History Month
- Groundhog Day
- The life and presidencies of George Washington & Abraham Lincoln
- Dental Health Month



Science

- The Solar System
- Relationship of the sun, stars, and planets



Students will continue to use their knowledge of place value to compare numbers. In addition, students will begin double digit addition and subtraction. Your child must practice his/her addition and subtraction facts everyday! This is important to your child's confidence and success in math!

Special Area News

Music

In the month of February the first grade students will get to perform in a drum circle. We will review our rhythm cards that we already learned. The children will also get to play *Rhythm Chairs*. This is a fun game where some children make themselves into rhythm patterns and the rest of the class has to figure out what the pattern is. It is always a crowd pleaser!



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Library

First grade students will be reading and learning about fairytales and folktales. Folktales and fairytales have been shared with children for hundreds of years. Why not share one of your favorites with your child? The Longwood Public Library is a great place to find your favorite or a new one you've never heard!



Physical Education

We will begin February with our FUNdamental Fitness stations. We will see how we can work on learning about nutrition and our body along with our math and literacy skills with an assortment of fine and gross motor skills.

We end February and head into March with our obstacle course. Our obstacle course incorporates gymnastics and motor skills through a safe but challenging assortment of obstacles with a Mario Brothers theme.

We will continue to explore how our bodies work, identifying our muscles, improving upon fitness levels; continuing to build upon the understanding of how important healthy habits are to an optimal life.

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



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