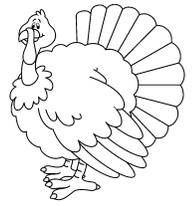


First Grade December Newsletter



ELA



Readers' Workshop

Nonfiction Readers Learn About the World: Readers will become smarter about our world and the things in it as they gain new information from the words, pictures, labels, and headings in their nonfiction texts. They will also use the information learned to figure out the Big Idea of what they are reading.

Writers' Workshop

Nonfiction Chapter Books: In this unit the students will take a writing journey that begins with how to make a basic type of information book and ends with students creating multiple information chapter books.

Fundations

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



Social Studies

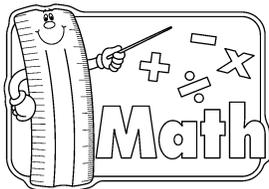
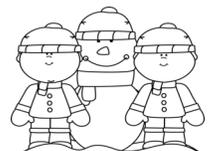
- Holiday traditions and customs around the world

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 December, we will be singing songs for the many holiday celebrated this time of year along with winter songs.



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 December, we will be learning some coordination and dance moves. Finally, with our very own licenses, we will be responsible for following the rules of the road, and driving safely through our Scooter Highway town. As we travel safely through our town, equipped with its own carwash and gas station, we will continue to work on our coordination, skill and fitness levels through a variety of fun centers.

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

English Language Learners

Throughout the month of December, the students will integrate a family and friends theme into their learning. They will become familiar with the traditions and symbols of the various seasonal holidays.

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.

