

First Grade May Newsletter



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Readers' Workshop

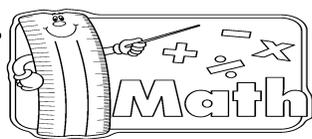
We began a new unit called Meeting Characters and Learning Lessons. In this unit, students will be again taking a closer look at characters in fiction writing. They will be focusing on the lesson a character learns and how a character can change from the beginning to the end of a story.

Writers' Workshop

This month students will be completing their Amazing Author Books. These books will be on display at Coram School for all to see. More information will be sent home in the coming month. We will then move on to writing about a character in a series. Students will have an opportunity to create a character of their own and to use their character in a series of stories.

Fundations

Students will be learning the concept of syllables in multisyllabic words, compound words, syllable division rules, and reading and spelling words with two closed syllables or closed and v-e syllables.



Our first graders will be learning about graphs. They will learn to make and read picture graphs, and bar graphs, as well as reading and making tally charts. We will also begin a new unit on three-dimensional shapes. In this unit, students will identify and describe three-dimensional shapes and compose a new shape by combining 3-D shapes.

Social Studies

- Mother's Day
- Memorial Day



Science

- From Seed to Plant
- Farm and Farm animals
- Life Cycle of a Chick

Special Area News

Music

The First grade is working on learning songs to sing in a performance toward the end of the month. After we perform we will be learning the instruments of the orchestra and watching "Peter and the Wolf."



Field Trip

Our classes will be headed to the Yaphank Farm at the beginning of the month. They will get to feed farm animals, go on a tractor ride, and learn about insects.

Library

This month we will be emphasizing the difference between summarizing a story and identifying the main idea of a story.

The nice weather is finally here!!! It can be difficult to make reading a priority. Keep it fun! Why not enjoy reading a story outside on a blanket on a sunny day or under the stars on a warm spring night.



Physical Education

The month of May will begin with our Maze. During the maze we will learn about our cardiovascular system and work on our cardiovascular health. We will finish May enjoying our favorite games and then prepare for our field day events.

We will continue to learn the names of our muscles and how they work, continue to improve upon our fitness levels, as well as build upon our 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.

