

First Grade October Newsletter



ELA



Readers' Workshop

Tackling Trouble Words and Tricky Parts- Students will be using all they know about letters, sounds, and patterns to help them read. They will work on fixing words when they know something is not right, and becoming stronger readers by sharing books with friends.

Writers' Workshop

Small Moments- Students will continue to write personal narratives. The focus of their writing will be on small moments, concentrating on adding details and dialogue.

Please continue to support your child's reading by reading for 20 minutes each night.

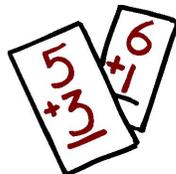
Fundations

This month students will be practicing tapping and blending consonant-vowel-consonant words. For example, c-a-t.



Math

This month in math students will continue to work on addition and subtraction strategies. Please practice number facts to 10.



Social Studies and Science

- Christopher Columbus
- Lifecycle of a pumpkin
- Fire Prevention & Safety

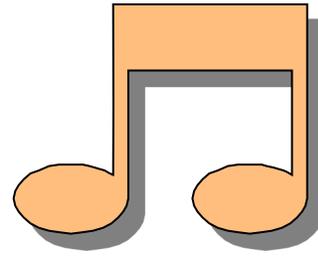
The Coram Fire Department is scheduled to visit our school during the month. Please encourage your child to participate in the Coram Fire Department poster contest!



Special Area News

Music

For the month of October the children will be learning about rhythm and steady beat. They will learn this through singing games and playing wooden xylophones.



Library

Students have begun to check out library books. Students may visit the library and exchange books at any time. Your child's teacher may designate a special day for them to return and check out a new book. Please help your child be responsible and return their library books weekly.

Happy Reading!!

Physical Education

This month we will be working on:

- Fitness through stations and activities
- Introduction to the components of the spring Presidential Fitness Test
- Ball skills (tossing, throwing and catching)
- Coram's Big Top Circus- focusing on balance and coordination



English Language Learners

Ms. Selzer has begun the testing process for students whose native language is not English. The New York State Education Department has implemented an entrance program to identify English Language Learners. The ENL program will begin as soon as testing has been completed.

The ENL program will focus on enhancing the skill areas of reading, writing, listening, and speaking by integrating the content areas of English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. The ENL teacher looks forward to a happy and productive year.

