



First Grade Newsletter October 30, 2015

Math

The first graders are working on sharpening their subtraction skills. We continue to put tools into their math toolbelt by teaching them to use manipulatives (linking cubes), draw pictures, and counting strategies. Six more lessons until our Chapter 2 test.

MATH TERMS

- compare
- difference
- minuses (-)
- related facts
- subtract
- subtraction number sentence

Phonics

We concluded our study on Suffix –s. The boys and girls learned that a suffix is something added to the end of a word. The key is that it can be covered up and there is still a root word left. (Example: cat, cats) It was fun to picture a root word as a cupcake and the suffix –s as a sprinkle. We could eat a cupcake without sprinkles but it more fun with. We took our Suffix –s quiz and moved on to digraph ck.



REMINDERS

- Conferences are November 4th and 5th. They are so valuable. If you have not signed up yet please contact your child's teacher to do so.
- Please remember to keep money in your child's lunch account. Student accounts cannot be charged. Lunches are \$2 and breakfast is \$1 a day. District requires a \$15 credit balance on all accounts.
- Please place all important notes, lunch money, homework, etc. in side number 1 "bring back to school" of your child's blue folder. Also please do not forget to check folders daily by removing all items in side number 2 "keep at home."

Important Dates

Saturday, October 31 (Midnight)

Daylight Saving Time Ends
Turn clocks back 1 hour!

Wednesday, November 4th

Conferences

Thursday, November 5th

Conferences

Wednesday, November 11th

NO SCHOOL for Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 18th

1:00 Early Dismissal



Skills to Keep Practicing at Home:

- Short and Long vowels
- Breaking words into parts to sound them out
- Spelling with c and k
- Blends
- Suffix -s
- Digraph ck



Reading

This week students enjoyed a Halloween poem and story. The poem was titled, "Happy Halloween" and the story was called, Maria's Halloween. Please take a second this weekend to encourage your first grader to read their poem and story to you. Next week we will jump right back in with four new vocab words and leveled readers.

Vocab Words

no	two
ride	saw
out	very
small	want

Red Ribbon Week

Gilman Elementary had so much fun this week learning about making healthy choices and the importance of just saying **NO!** to drugs.

Thank you for encouraging your child to participate in the daily themes. Mrs. Curl loves planning a week based on such an important idea for children this age. The smiles are so rewarding!



Writing

Handwriting is important to us! Please look over your child's homework for good letter and number formation. We have been working hard on using our writing lines!

We are grading on:

- ❖ Capital letter at the beginning of a sentence
- ❖ End marks to finish a sentence
- ❖ Letter formation
- ❖ Finger spaces

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