



First Grade Newsletter

November 13, 2015

Math

We tested over Chapter 2 yesterday! Please keep your eyes open for your child's score in the coming days. On we go to Chapter 3! In this chapter we will be discussing adding strategies up to the number 20. Below are the key vocabulary words for this new chapter.

MATH TERMS

- **Addends** – any numbers being added together.
- **Count on** – on a number line, start with the greater number and count up.
- **Doubles** – 2 addends that are the same.
- **Doubles minus 1** – add with doubles and subtract 1.
- **Doubles plus 1** – add with doubles and add 1.
- **Number line** – a line with number labels.



Academic Progress:

G+	Excellent.....	100%
G	Very Good.....	99-92%
G-	Good.....	91-90%
S+	Satisfactory.....	89-88%
S	Meets Expectations.....	87-75%
S-	Unsatisfactory.....	74-70%
N	Needs Improvement.....	69% below



REMINDERS

- **Glue sticks** are disappearing like crazy! Please plan on sending in a few more with your child as soon as possible. Thank you!
- Please dress your child in appropriate winter weather attire. If the sun is out, the kids are out! ☺
- 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.

Important Dates

Wednesday, November 18th

1:00 Early Dismissal



Thursday, November 19th

Family Reading Night @ GES 5:30 pm

November 25-27

NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, December 10

Christmas Concert @ MS 7:00 pm

Vocab Words

no	two	put
ride	saw	into
out	very	away
small	want	good

Reading

We are working our way through our reading leveled readers but sprinkling in some Thanksgiving literature as well. During the next 7 school days before Thanksgiving Break, your first grader will be reading The Big, Big Pig, Picnic Farm, and The Box. They will be learning about The First Thanksgiving and the reknown indian named Squanto.



Family Reading Night Spirit Week!

In honor of Family Reading Night next week, we are having spirit days each day. Please encourage your child to participate as much as possible. See you all Thursday Night!

Monday-Raider Day

Tuesday- Bring A Stuffed Animal (to read to during the day)

Wednesday-Crazy Socks

Thursday-Family Reading Night Shirts or Dress like a Camper

Friday- Pajama Day

Phonics

Last week, the first graders learned their very first digraph. A digraph is “two letters that come together to make one sound.” This week we added two new digraphs, sh and th.

Digraph ck (duck)

Digraph sh (shark)

Digraph th (thimble AND feather)

Please encourage your first grader to explain the coding marks on their phonics worksheets.

Skills to Keep Practicing at Home:

- Short and Long vowels
- Breaking words into parts to sound them out
- Blends
- Digraph ck, sh, th
- Writing and spelling with the letters “c” and “k.”
- Suffix s and the two sounds s makes.

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