

First Grade Newsletter



Happy Holidays

Fantastic First Grade Reminders:

❄️ Winter Holiday Party December 15, 2016 1:45pm in the first grade classroom

❄️ Winter Holiday Program December 15, 2016 Plaster Student Union
5:30 PM Arrival Program 6:00 PM ☺️ *Students need to wear Holiday Attire*

❄️ Ozarks Food Harvest Food Drive- Please send nonperishable items or make a cash donation if you would like to participate in the service project

❄️ Students are required to wear tennis shoes on Monday and Wednesday for PE.

❄️ Students need to wear coats for outside recess during the winter months.

❄️ Scholastic Books may be ordered online- You will find the link under the Parents Links on our class website

❄️ Spelling: **No Spelling**

I will put some practice lists on Spelling City for practice over the break

❄️ Sharing: **January 17-20, 2017**

Topic: Over the Winter Holiday I...

Students may write down or just tell about something they did over the holiday. They may bring a picture to show or a favorite gift they received as a prompt to guide what they will

talk about. This should be returned on their assigned sharing day. Monday students will share on Tuesday of the week we return.



Social Studies: Time For School-Citizenship
Classroom Community Building Activities
Mayzie Mail



enVision Math: Topic 6 Subtraction Facts to 20

Objectives:

Students will make 10 to Subtract.

Students will make 10 to solve subtraction story problems.

Students will find subtraction facts to 18 and learn the relationship between addition and subtraction.

Students will use a part-part-whole model to find the subtraction facts and addition facts in a fact family.

Students will use a related fact to find the missing part in a subtraction problem.

Students will use related addition facts to solve subtraction problems.

Students will draw pictures and write number sentences to solve addition and subtraction story problems.

Essential Understanding:

Subtraction facts with teen numbers can be simplified by making use of the numbers relationships to 10.

Addition and subtraction have an inverse relationship. The inverse relationship between addition and subtraction can be used to find subtraction facts; every subtraction fact has a related addition fact.

Information in a problem can often be shown using a picture or diagram and used to understand and solve a problem. Some problems can be solved by writing and completing a number sentence or equation.

Vocabulary: subtraction, difference, related facts, fact family,



Writing: Sentence Fluency Winter Words, Writing a Complete Sentence, Completing Gingerbread Stories, Creative Stories, and Poetry.

Alphabet Letter and Numeral Practice in our Handwriting Books

At home when students are writing please encourage the correct pencil grip and formation of letters and numbers. With continued practice students will master and develop the fine motor skills required to write legibly.

In class we are working on: Writing letters correctly and writing complete sentences



Students are learning to ask themselves questions when writing:

1. Did I spell the words correctly? What resources could I use for help?

2. Did I begin the sentence with a capital letter?
3. Were all the proper nouns capitalized?
4. Are my letters spaced correctly? Are they legible?
5. Did I use correct punctuation in my writing?
6. Do my words make sense to others reading the sentence?



Handwriting: We are using the Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Method to help students to become more effective communicators. Zaner-Bloser provides consistent instruction in an ongoing manner. Research indicates this has proven to be an important component for overall literacy development. Students are developing effective communication skills with developmentally appropriate handwriting instruction, which has proven to lead to stronger literacy skills. Zaner-Bloser Handwriting ©2012



Communication Arts: Reading

Students will be working in cooperative groups to explore books with a common theme. Each Week groups practice a variety of skills and read books on their appropriate instructional level.



Self-Guided Reading: Book Club Books- Winter

The books each week all have one common theme with a variety of Lexiles. Children are allowed to select their book for book club based upon interest. There are differentiated lessons to complete after reading their selected book.



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