


First Grade Newsletter

October 23-27, 2023



Helpful Hedgehog First Grade Reminders:

 **Exciting Changes on Our Schedule:** Starting this week students will be attending computer and art class in two groups. While half of the class attends art or computer the other half of the class will stay with me in the classroom. This will allow me to provide 3 hours more academic time per week. Students will be working in small groups or independently during this time. They will be receiving one-on-one attention and provided feedback that should result in improved student outcomes and confidence in their abilities. Small groups also allow students who are not comfortable participating in whole class discussions or activities the opportunity to practice skills promoting self-confidence. Students will be working on reading, writing or math strategies during this time each week. (The new Schedule is on the class website under Parent Links)

 **Halloween Parade and Party:**

October 30, 2023

The parade will begin at 1:15-1:20. Classroom parties will begin after we are dismissed from the gym. Students should bring costumes to school that morning. They will begin changing into costumes at 12:45. Parents you are welcome to come help students at that time change and get ready.






Please plan to stay and help clean the desk and the room after the party.

 **No School on October 31 and November 1, 2023 -Family Conferences**

The conferences are for parents only.

 **Family members if a student will be absent you may now send that information to GWDAttendance@gmail.com**

 **Please remember to fill water bottles each morning at home.**

-  Please do not send toys to school (Pokémon Cards included)
-  Students are required to wear tennis shoes on Monday and Wednesday for Wellness/P.E.
-  Students should bring a jacket our classroom is often chilly!
-  Please do not send individual pencil sharpeners to school.
-  Scholastic Books may be ordered online- You will find the link under the Parents Link on the class website.

Student of the Week: Pierce Dawson

We will have one student each week that will be the student of the week. Students will return the poster to school on the Monday of the week they are Student of the Week, unless Monday is a holiday then return it to school on Tuesday. Students may bring individually wrapped single serving snacks to handout if they would like to. Reminder: We do have students with nut and food coloring allergies. Family members of students with food allergies please send a Ziploc bag with some "safe snack" options labeled with the student's name I will keep them in the Observation Room for these occasions.

If you would like to a family member may:

1. Send a PowerPoint to share about the student, their career or interesting hobby.
OR
2. Schedule a time to talk to the class about their student, read a story, talk about their career or tell about an interesting hobby. Example: Monday morning between 8:15-8:40 or Thursday morning between 8:15-8:40.

Word Study: Word Study Pre Assessment- Will Be On Monday (unless Monday is a holiday then we will test on Tuesday) Word Study Assessment -Will Be On Friday

If the student makes 100% on Monday they will be allowed to select 12 new words for the week. The new words should be emailed to me on Monday night or written

and returned to school on **Tuesday morning**. The words will be used in journal writing, class assignments and the Word Study Assessment on Friday.



Social Studies: Citizenship
Classroom Community Building Activities
Scholastic News
Inspiring Americans



Sharing: **October 23-27, 2023- Pumpkin Character & Book Reports**
**The Sharing Schedule will be amended as needed



My Math: **Topic 2** **Subtraction Concepts**

Essential Question: How do you subtract numbers?

In This Chapter We Will...

Students will use manipulatives to model addition stories.

Students will represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction.

Students will add two parts to make a whole.

Students will understand and apply properties of operations and the relationship between addition and subtraction.

Students will add and subtract equations within 20.

Focus/Objectives

- Students will use models to represent and solve subtraction situations.
- Students will subtract parts from a whole.
- Students will write subtraction number sentences.
- Students will subtract 0 or find a difference of 0.
- Students will subtract across and down.
- Students will draw a diagram to solve problems.
- Students will compare groups of up to nine objects.
- Students will subtract numbers from four and five.
- Students will subtract numbers from six and seven.
- Students will subtract numbers from eight.
- Students will subtract numbers from nine.
- Students will subtract numbers from ten.

- Students will find related addition and subtraction facts.
- Students will determine whether math statements are true or false

Essential Understanding For Students (Mathematical Practices):

- Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them. (Lesson 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,14)
- Reason abstractly and quantitatively. (Lesson 1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14)
- Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others. (Lesson 1,2,5,6,7,9,10,11,12,13,14)
- Model with mathematics. (Lesson 1,2,3,4,7,8,9,11,13)
- Use appropriate tools strategically. (Lesson 1,4,6,7,8,9,12,14)
- Attend to precision. (Lesson 3,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12,13,14)
- Look for and make use of structure. (Lesson 4,5,6,13)
- Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning. (Lesson 2, 6, 9, 12, 13)

Major Cluster

- Students will represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction. (Lesson 1,2,3,6,7)
- Students will understand and apply properties of operations and the relationship between addition and subtraction. (Lesson 4)
- Students will add and subtract within 20. (Lesson 5,8,9,10,11,12,13)
- Students will work with addition and subtraction equations. (Lesson 14)

1.0A.1 Use addition and subtraction within 20 to solve problems involving situations of adding to, taking from, putting together, taking apart, and comparing, with unknowns in all problems. (Lesson 1, 2, 3, 6, 7)

1.0A.3 Apply properties of operations as strategies to add and subtract. (Lesson 4)

1.0A.6 Add and subtract within 20, demonstrating fluency for addition and subtraction within 10. Use strategies such as counting on, making ten, decomposing a number leading to a ten, using the relationship between addition and subtraction, and creating equivalent but easier or known sums. (Lesson 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13)

1.0A.7 Understand the meaning of the equal sign and determine if equations involving addition and subtraction are true or false. (Lesson 14)

Vocabulary: take away, subtract, difference, minus, subtraction number sentence, zero, diagram, compare, add, related facts, addition number sentence, true, false



Writing: Review Alphabet Letters and Numbers

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.

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Communication Arts: Reading

Selecting Books for Book Boxes and Beginning Book Clubs

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

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.



Science: All About Plants

1.LS3.A.1 Make observations to construct an evidence based account that young plants and animals are like, but not exactly like, their parents. [Clarification Statement: Examples of patterns could include features plants or animals share. Examples of observations could include leaves from the same kind of plant are the same shape but can differ in size; and, a particular breed of dog looks like it's parents but is not exactly the same.

Reminders



Class Website:

<http://melindahammerschmidtglfirstgrade.weebly.com/>



Assignments for the Week:

The assignments for the week are listed on the Assignment Page on the class website. This is found under the Assignments tab at the top of the class website. Most assignments each week are sent home on Monday if we are in school and on Tuesday if we are not. The assignments are sent home so that students can complete them during the week as time allows and return them on Friday.



Newsletter:

The newsletter on the class website has all the information for the week and curriculum that we are covering in class. This is found under the Newsletter tab at the top of the class website.



Distance Learning Online Platforms:

These are optional unless assigned and listed on the Assignment Page. We will use these in class at times when we begin using iPads. These provide ways to practice that are fun, providing a quick review and reinforcement of foundational skills.



Word Study Spelling Boxes:

Student will select 3 (three) activities to complete during the week and return to school on Friday.



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