



First Grade March 2018 News



RELIGION

Lent will be an important topic of discussion as we prepare for Easter.

READING/LANGUAGE ARTS

We will start reading the fifth book of our reading series. It is very important that your child learns to **read** the high frequency words each week and apply the new phonics skill learned. Keep reading at home and filling out Reading Records!

We are working on:

- **Phonics** - long o (CV, CVCe), long u (CVCe), long e (CVCe, ee, ea), final sounds: ng, nk, phonograms: -ean, -ink, ay, -ain, -ow, -oat, vowels: ai, ay, oa, ow, contractions: 'll, 'd, 've, 're
- **Vocabulary** - suffixes -y and -ful, classification of transportation words, multiple-meaning words, synonyms
- **Comprehension Skills** - main idea and details, compare and contrast, author's purpose, drawing conclusions
- **Comprehension Strategies** - asking questions and visualizing about what you are reading, summarizing, and finding ways to figure out what doesn't make sense
- **Writing** - write to narrate using sentences, writing a friendly letter, writing a personal narrative

We will be working on:

- **Phonics** - r-controlled vowels (ar, or, ore, er, ir, ur), phonograms -ar, -ore
- **Vocabulary** - prefix re- and using a dictionary entry
- **Comprehension Skills** - identifying story structure (setting, character, and events) and drawing conclusions
- **Comprehension Strategies** - analyzing and evaluating text, visualization
- **Writing** - writing to express - sentences with dialogue and verbs

MATH

Skills to be covered this month include:

- place value concepts & money
- tens & teens
- place value to 100
- addition strategies
- understanding money
- counting collections of objects by tens

SOCIAL STUDIES

We will begin a unit titled Everything Changes. The focus of our lessons will be: learning about the past, the First Americans, family life past and present, and going to school long ago.

Conferences - We look forward to discussing your child's progress at conferences on March 12.

SPRING BREAK - We hope you enjoy your spring break March 26-April 2. See you back on April 3!

Need something to do over break? Don't forget to read every day and fill out the March Reading Record!
Going shopping? Get new crayons and pencils if needed!



HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY TO: Charlie Gilbertson, Kurubel Bereket, Wyatt Anderson

THANK YOU FOR...

- remembering to send your child prepared for outdoor recess.
- replacing school supplies like pencils, crayons, or markers if needed.
- bringing any concerns to our attention. We want to work as a team with you toward the positive social and academic development of your child.

