



OCTOBER NEWS

A Note From The 1st Grade Team

Attendance Matters : September is Attendance Awareness Month! Good school attendance supports children to feel confident and happy about school and learning. As a parent, you can support your child to enjoy school life by ensuring they attend school every day and arrive on time.

EVENTS

October 7

Parent-Teacher Conferences – Schools Closed for Students (No school for students)

October 8

1st Quarter Progress Reports Released Online

October 18

Professional Development – Schools Closed for Students

October 31

End of the 1st Quarter

REMINDERS

Have you signed up for ParentVUE?

- ParentVUE is an online tool that you can use to view student assignment grades, progress reports, and report cards.
- If you need to create an account, please contact Ms. Shrouder, in the office, to receive your activation code.
- Please visit [HERE](#) for more information and to create your account.

LEARNING FOCUS

Reading Language Arts

- In reading, students will learn about asking and answering questions about a text, identifying main topic, retelling key details, and making connections between story events.
- The October phonics focus skills are decoding and encoding words with short vowel sounds, blending phonemes, segmenting sounds
- New Heart words: he, was, his, on, are, as, with, this, they, if
- The writing focus is sentence construction.

Social Studies

- In social studies, students will be able to explain and identify the American symbols and documents as it relates to the role of government.
- Students will identify leadership positions and organizations in the community and explain how they can help in maintaining safety and order.

Math

- In math, we have started a unit on Attributes of 2D Shapes.
- Students will identify attributes of a shapes.
- Students will compose and decompose shapes to create new shapes.
- Students will partition shapes into 2 or 4 equal parts.

Science

- In science, students will be learning about how plants share similar parts, even if they look different.
- Students will be able to identify patterns in physical characteristics between adult and young plants.





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**"Raising a child is like planting a seed and watching it grow into a beautiful flower."
— Lisa Wingate**

Social Studies at Home

Our Government

Government is a hot topic in 1st grade! We have been learning about the government and how the national, state, and community government help citizens. Talk with your kids about the upcoming November election. Talk about the local candidates and national candidates. Discuss your voting plan and what makes a good candidate. Stay tuned for more information about our mock election at school.



Science at Home

NEIGHBORHOOD NATURE WALK

We have been learning about plants around our school and in our community. Take a walk in your neighborhood and look at the different types of plants and trees. Take crayons and paper to draw pictures of what you see. Look closely at any leaves or flowers that you see and discuss how they are the same or different. As the weather is beginning to change, pay attention to any indications that the plants are preparing for cold weather, for example: leaves changing or falling from trees.



1st Grade at Work

