

First Grade News

Skill Booster

Practice Alliteration!

Rhyming words are words with the same ending sounds, **alliterative words have the same beginning sound**. Playing with alliteration helps children develop sound awareness that is needed for reading success. It's also part of the NWEA test. When you have a few free moments, try challenging your child to think of alliterative word phrases for example, the **big brown bear brought berries to brunch. You could also search for tongue twisters online and try to memorize them! Remember alliterative words must have the same beginning sound, but they don't always have the same beginning spelling (cranky kangaroos kick kids).**

Reminders

Please continue to label all money sent to school. It should be in a bag or envelope labeled with your child's name, the amount, and purpose.

Please keep the March reading log in your child's folder. We will be checking them in class to track how we are progressing toward our class reading goal.

Upcoming Events

- 3/26 Kindergarten Round Up 1:30 pm
- 3/26 Spring Pictures
- 3/27 Dentists R Us
- 4/10 Conferences
- 4/12 PTA Spring Celebration (4:30-6:30)

What We're Learning

Reading

We are continuing our study of informational text. Students are learning to find the main topic (what the text is mostly about) and identify key details (important things we learn from the text about the main topic). They are learning to notice how authors use headings, subheadings, key words, illustrations and captions in text to help the reader understand and learn.

Math

With a new understanding of the tens and ones place, students are beginning to add two-digit numbers using the **make ten**, **count on**, and **tape diagram** strategies.

Writing

Students are learning about informational writing. This week's focus is creating piece a "how to" writing that teaches the reader how to do something.

Social Studies

We are continuing our study of geography. Students are learning about how people use maps, globes and directions to talk about and find locations. We are also learning about the natural and physical characteristics of places.

