

# FIRST GRADE NEWS

January 2020



## What Are We Learning This Month?

**English Language Arts (ELA): Unit 3 Tales Over Time** In Unit 3, Tales Over Time, students will explore folktales as stories that have been passed down over time that often contain a lesson or central message. Throughout the unit, the class will create, and add to, an anchor chart that lists the lessons learned in folktales. Students will retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson. Throughout this unit, we will use the terms, *central message* and *lesson*, interchangeably. The central lesson, or message, relates to what the author thinks is right, or the proper way to behave. In upper elementary grades, this is often referred to as the theme. Generally, in fiction, the message/lesson/moral addresses the author's point of view about relationships between people.

**Math: Unit 4: Data Analysis** Students pose questions and collect and sort information about data. They make representations of their findings and share them with others. Students sort a group of objects according to a given attribute.

### Royal Blue Winners

Milania B., Hunter G., Kendell P.,  
Makenzie B., Mikey G., Julia M.



### Virtue Winners

Alston W., Carmen R., Jackson F.,  
Reese F., Madisyn G., Maci W.

## January Virtue – Perseverance

Throughout January we will be focusing on ways to show perseverance at school and at home. Please find time to discuss with your children ways that they can persevere completing different tasks around the house. Those students who consistently show perseverance may be chosen as a Virtue Winner.

## Helpful reminders:

- Dress your child in jackets, hats, and gloves, as we will continue to go outside for recess throughout the winter months
- Reinforce the importance of washing hands and using hand sanitizer to reduce the spread of germs during flu and cold season
- Please be sure to initial your child's planner each night



alanna c.	1/3
CARMEN R.	1/10
ARIANNA M.	1/14
PARIS M.	1/14
BRAYDEN e.	1/20
BRENT K.	1/22



1/2 Schools Reopen

1/2 Interims Distributed

1/9 Team BCPS Blue Day

1/18 Crossroads Bistro Spirit  
Breakfast

1/20 No School

1/24 3 hour early dismissal – end  
of 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period

1/31 PTA Movie Night -doors open  
at 6:00; movie starts at 6:30



As a reminder, students have access to Dreambox through BCPS One at home. They are encouraged to utilize this individualized online math program at home. Students should be able to log in on their own, using their username and passwords located on their yellow take-home folders. If you need support with this, please don't hesitate to reach out.

**new year's resolutions** – with the start of the new year, we will be discussing and setting school related new year's resolutions. Please ask your child about their goal for the new year.

