

First Grade News

October 2019



What are we learning this month???

English Language Arts (ELA): Unit 1 Have I got a story for you! Exploring the elements of fiction. Students listen to and read a variety of literary texts (interactive read-alouds, shared reading, and literature big books) in order to retell stories - beginning, middle, and end. They describe characters, settings, and major events in stories, using illustrations and key details in the text. Additionally, they compare the adventures and experiences of characters in stories.

Math: In this first number unit in Grade 1, students count, order, compare quantities, and work with the operation of addition. Students also work on finding addition combinations up to 10 and learn to make sense of and solve story problems. They are introduced to several of the classroom routines that practice and reinforce work with counting, developing visual images of number, collecting data, and working with concepts of time (calendar/clock).

Half way through October we will be starting **Unit 2: 2D Geometry**--This geometry unit focuses on two-dimensional shapes and the relationships between them. Students observe, describe, compare, classify, represent, and compose and decompose 2-D shapes. Students learn to use geometric language to describe and identify important features of familiar 2-D shapes. As they sort and describe groups of shapes, they begin to distinguish specific attributes of triangles and quadrilaterals.

Please practice your child's Kickin' it math fast facts every evening as a part of homework. Students are tested each week to earn the next belt!

Grading scale info...

Your child's papers and report card will be marked with either a CD, P, or N.

CD	Consistently demonstrating
P	Progressing
N	Needs development

You can check your child's grades in BCPS One through Schoology. Assignments will also have codes before the assignment title based on the standards being assessed.

ELA codes:

RF	Reading Foundational Skills
RL	Reading Literature Texts
RI	Reading Informational Texts
W	Writing
SL	Speaking and Listening
L	Language

Math codes:

G	Geometry
OA	Operations and Algebraic Thinking
NBT	Numbers and Operations Base Ten
MD	Measurement and Data

Royal Blue Winners

Reese F., Andrew H., Maci W., Alston W., Gianna I., and Carmen R.

Virtue Winners

Sophia M., Caileigh M., Kaiden P., Jackson F., Milania B., Alanna C.



Julia M. - 10/03
Ms. Smith- 10/03
Jackson F. 10/07
Alex D. 10/08
Michael D. 10/11
Ava L. 10/14
Aiden B. 10/25

10/05: Fall Fest 10am-2pm
10/07: PTA meeting 6pm-7pm (CTES Library)
10/09: NO students
10/15: ELA MAP
10/15: Crossroads Spirit Dinner
10/17: Math MAP
10/18: NO students
10/19-10/26: Five Below Spirit Days
10/25: Picture Day

Helpful reminders:

- Students need to wear closed toed shoes for PE and to play on the playground for recess. If they are wearing open toed shoes, they **CANNOT** play on the mulch areas.
- The temperature in the building varies, so students might want to keep a sweater/jacket in their bookbags in case they get cold during the day.
- Your child may bring in a reusable water bottle to keep in the classroom. Make sure it is labeled with their name.
- Flashlight Friday!!! Every Friday during independent reading time, the lights will be turned off and students will get to read their choice of books with their flashlights. You can send in a small flashlight labeled with your child's name to keep in the classroom. Dollar stores have great flashlights for this!