

First Grade News

November 2019



What are we learning this month???

English Language Arts (ELA): Unit 2 Amazing World! Exploring Elements of

Nonfiction: Students listen to, view, and read a variety of nonfiction texts (interactive read-alouds, big books, leveled readers, videos, and nonfiction magazine articles). They identify the main topics and key details, using illustrations and text features to locate information. They use their skills of observation and inquiry to explore a variety of nonfiction texts by asking questions, making observations and connections, and communicating information with others through speaking and writing. They come to understand that nonfiction reading is "reading for information" and nonfiction writing is "writing to teach."

Math: Unit 3 Addition, Subtraction, and the Number System 2: This unit focuses on counting to higher numbers (forward and back, counting sets of objects, comparing larger quantities, composing and decomposing numbers, and finding all the two-addend combinations of a number). Students revisit familiar addition activities with variations that encourage counting on. They are introduced to the operation of subtraction. Through games and story problems, students' work focuses on developing an understanding of addition and subtraction, using numbers and notation to represent these operations, and developing strategies for solving addition and subtraction problems. Students find as many 2-addend combinations of a given number as possible and work on combining 2 small quantities accurately. Students subtract one small quantity from another and represent numbers using equivalent expressions. Students determine if equations involving addition and subtraction are true or false.

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!

Welcome Mrs. Douglass and Mrs. McCarvey to the first-grade team! ☺

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

Hunter V., Caileigh M., Connor P., Ava L., Lillyanna P., Ava T., Paris M., Alex D., Julianna D., Henry C., and Adalyn H.

Virtue Winners

Ava T., Jaxson J., Connor P., Andrew H.,
Brooks G., Sophia C., Aiden B., Michael D.,



Alston W. 11/09

Gianna I. 11/19

Madisyn G. 11/20

Julianna D. 11/28

11/4: PTA Meeting 6pm

11/8: Fall Fun Run and 12:10 dismissal

11/15: Book fair begins and Grandparents day

11/20: Grade 1 American Education Visitation day (8:25-10:50 and 11:20-3:00)

11/21: Report cards distributed

11/22: No school for students and Conference day and Trashy Fashion show at SPHS

11/28-11/29: Thanksgiving Holiday

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!