

October 6, 2017

Dear Families,

First graders were busy this week. Here are some of the things we've been working on.

**Language Arts:**

- We finished unit 2 in Foundations. Next week we will begin unit 3. The family connection packet was sent home yesterday. I encourage you to do the activities suggested with your child over the next couple of weeks
- Learned the trick words (words you can't sound out), a, and, his, is, of and the
- We are continuing on with Small Moment stories in Writing Workshop
- This week in reading the class learned the importance of book discussion and we used partner reading as a way to practice
- We added another "good habit" to our Solving Hard Words chart in reading-Check it! Do a DOUBLE-CHECK!! This strategy helps children to understand that what they read needs to sound right, AND it also has to LOOK right.

**Math:**

- We finished unit 1. Next week we will move on to unit 2. An overview of the unit was sent home yesterday
- Students continued to learn about measurement

**Science:**

- We moved along with the moon unit. We used two books, Phases of the Moon and Faces of the Moon to help us learn about each phase. Then we used black circles and white chalk to color each phase. While doing this we created a group report.

**Social Skills:**

- Voted on Classroom Citizen of the Week
- Practiced how to solve problems with friends independently
- Students learned a script to talk in a respectful way to their peers, should a problem occur

**Upcoming Events/Reminders:**

- Monday, October 9th-No School for students
- Friday, October 13th-Farm Day!
- Sunday, October 15th-Color Run
- Art shirts and water bottles!! Send them in!

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