

Captain First Grade

Curriculum Night 2019 - 2020



First Grade Schedule

- 8:30 Line up on the playground
- 8:40 School Begins/ Morning Meeting
Literacy
- 10:35 Recess and Lunch
- 11:20 Math
- 12:30 Specials (Music, P.E., Spanish)
- 1:30 WIN Time
- 2:00 Writing
- 2:45 Science, Social Studies, or Art
- 3:30 Dismissal in the Cafeteria



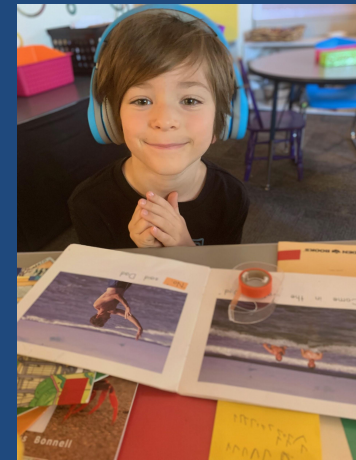
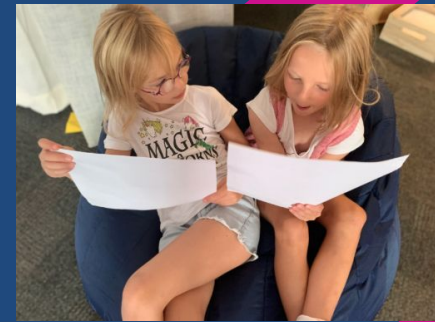
Literacy in First Grade

Reading workshop is the heart of our program.

You can help by reading with your child EVERY night at home.

Our annual first grade Literacy Night is Thursday, September 26.

Take home bags will be sent home the next day.





Daily Literacy Activities

Some meaningful activities include:

- *Shared Reading
- *Independent Reading and Conferring
- *Partner Reading
- *Strategy groups
- *Phonics/Word Work/Spelling
- *Writing



Writer's Workshop

We begin our workshop with a mini-lesson.

Students write independently. Teachers work with individual students in conferences or small groups.

We live the life of writers.



Writing Units:

- Narrative
- Non-Fiction Chapter Books
- Writing Reviews
- Poetry
- From Scenes to Series:
Writing Fiction



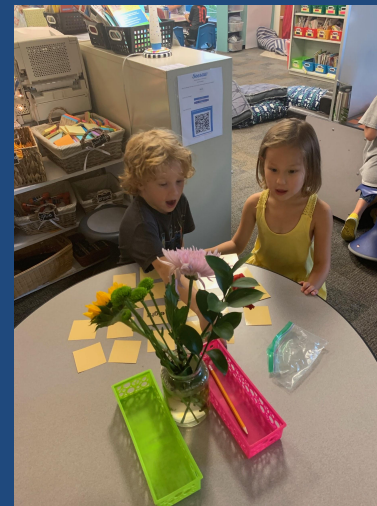
First Grade writers experiment with...

- Different types of punctuation
- Dialogue
- Ellipses
- The use of big and bold words
- Spelling/ Word Walls
- Adding Details
- Leads
- Endings



Math

Math is taught daily for 1 hour.
We will not be sending home
math worksheets.



Alternative activities could include card or board
games and Greg Tang games online.

<http://bedtimemath.org/>
www.gregtangmath.com

CHECK THIS OUT!



Math Lessons

Some meaningful activities include:

- Using hands on materials
- Writing in journals or worksheets
- Playing a math game
- Practicing addition and subtraction to 20
- Exploring enrichment opportunities



Assessments in Mathematics



- Formative Assessments will be given throughout each unit and used to guide our teaching for each child.
- Summative Assessments will be given five times a year. They will cover up to three chapters at a time.
- The tests will be saved at school.* Parents will receive cover letters about student progress on their summative assessment.

W.I.N. Time

(What I Need)

Individual time for students to explore and practice skills that will increase their social, emotional, and cognitive development.



Social Studies

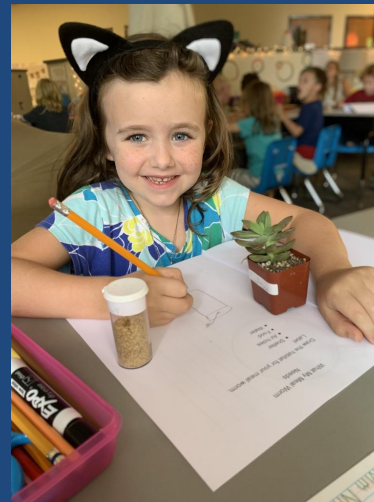
- How We Get Along
- Geography (Me on Map)
- Long Ago and Today
- The Marketplace



Science

- Insects and Plants
- Solids and Liquids
- Air and Weather

Students record their thinking in a Science Notebook!



Next Steps:

*Conference sign-ups will be sent electronically through Sign-up Genius on Thursday, September 12th!

*Field Trip permission slips- Please complete a volunteer background check to be a chaperone or to help in the classroom.

*Literacy Night - Thursday, September 26 from 6 to 7 p.m. Confirmation to come.

*Check blog or SeeSaw for pictures and updates!



Field Trips

- Faust Park
 - Science: Insect/Plant Life Cycles
- Children's Theater Production
 - Literacy
- Museum of Transportation
 - Social Studies: Long Ago and Today
- Magic House, *Community Helpers*
 - Social Studies: Economics



We Stories



1. First grade families will have priority if they sign up on Curriculum Night.
Dr. Martin will schedule so that families will receive all 10 kits throughout the school year.
2. Families will receive a bag of books on a Monday to keep for the week and return to school on a Friday.
3. There is also a folder with helpful resources including activity ideas that can be completed at home.

<http://www.westories.org>



