

## Curriculum

 UpdatesOctober was a busy month in the First Grade!! The Halloween Parade and Party were a wonderful way to end our second month in school! As the month of November begins, we wanted to let you know what we will be focusing on in all areas of the curriculum.

## Reading:

This month, we will continue to read both fiction and nonfiction books. The students will continue to work on asking and answering "I wonder" questions and use details from the text to explain their thinking when answering the questions.

The students will also use key details from the text to retell information about the characters and setting of the story. The students will use details to retell stories using beginning, middle and end.

## Writing:

This month the students will be writing an informational piece that includes a simple introductory sentence that states a topic, facts related to the topic and a concluding statement.

## Math:

This month our instructional focus will be on balancing equations (understanding the meaning of the 'equal' sign), composing and decomposing a two-digit number into different groupings of tens and ones, and solving word problems. We will also be using a variety of strategies to add and subtract numbers within 20.

Social Studies: We will start to study culture and how lives are impacted depending on the area a person lives (games, food, needs). We will begin to look at history and compare items from the past to the present.

## Science:

We will be focusing making observations about the amount of daylight during different times of the year. Students will design device that uses light or sound to solve a problem.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

This is a reminder that parent teacher conferences will be held this month. Be sure to contact your child's teacher to schedule a date and time.

## No School:

November 28, 2019
November 29, 2019
Important Dates

Early Release Days:
November 8, 2019
November 11, 2019
November 12, 2019
November 27, 2019

Birthday Club:
November 22nd at 3:15

