



Life in first grade continues to be busy and productive. As the weather becomes more seasonal, we want to remind you that we will be going out to recess daily. We encourage you to send your child to school with labeled coats. Rain is the only weather that will prevent us from enjoying the fresh air.



During Foundations the students continue to build CVC words using white boards, magnetic tiles and on lined paper. The focus has been on writing rhyming words with the **short vowel a, I and o sounds**. In addition we have been writing simple sentences. We stress and reinforce beginning with an upper case, using spacing between words and using an end mark. Letter formation of upper and lower case letters is practiced daily.



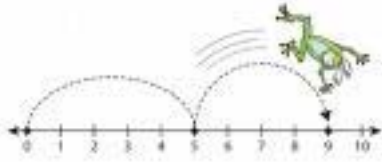
During Reader's Workshop students have been independently selecting books at their "just right level". We are using the Five Finger Rule to help guide independent selections. Once nightly reading begins, we will send home a guide

so you can reinforce this tool at home.

Interactive Read-alouds are enjoyed daily and together we are recalling important details, making connections, retelling the beginning, middle and end of stories, and using our reading logs to respond to text. Literacy Stations are running smoothly and we have added a **Science Station** and **Reading the Room**. Ask your child about these exciting new stations.



During Writer's workshop the students have been using a circle map to help organize their ideas prior to writing. This activity is done whole group and then the students have many opportunities to write stories on that topic. We continue to stress the importance of the illustration and strongly encourage the children to sound out words.



Things are jumping in math as we physically enjoy work using a number line. We have been using a **starting number** and then moving forwards or backwards on the number line and end up on a **landing number**. We compare numbers as we add (+) or subtract (-) numbers. As we move we are writing number sentences both vertically and horizontally. In addition we have been comparing numbers using the vocabulary and symbols: **greater than**>, **less than**< and **equal to**=. We encourage you to visit the Think Math website.



Thank you

We would like to thank the Friends Of Buker School for the recent visit of the Tanglewoods Marionettes and the Scholastic Book Fair.

We were fortunate to have the Wenham Fire Department visit with their new Smoke House and

make learning about fire safety fun.

Many thanks to Mrs. Pat Purdy, owner of **Banbury Cross Book Store**, for her recent visit to the first grade classrooms. She shared her knowledge of the book making process and left behind two beautiful books. If you stop by **Banbury Cross** be sure to look for the first grade book responses



We continue to study trees and made our first outside observation. Poems have also been enjoyed to learn about the cycle of the tree.

Wish List

- *Clorox wipes
- *Liquid soap
- *Crayola markers-fat and thin
- *Paper towels
- *Fall items for the science station-gourds, chestnuts, small pumpkin, colorful leaves
- *ABC board books- these may be hanging around your house

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October 30th