

First Grade News

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From Mrs. Gray

Our classroom is full of excitement and enthusiasm as spring blooms all around us. The students noted that we only have 30 days left in first grade on Friday. This realization is bittersweet for us all as we recognize that summer vacation is coming quickly, but there is also a huge transition just around the corner. Over the next few weeks we will try to keep our routine as normal as possible: you can help at home by keeping afternoon and evening routines as normal as possible too. I can't believe how quickly the year has flown by: I have been so proud of all of the work your children have done to grow as LEARNERS, CITIZENS, READERS, WRITERS, and MATHEMATICIANS.

Math

This month during Math Block we will focus our attention on:

- ✓ Continued work problem work- focused around showing our work and explaining our thinking
- ✓ Continued practice counting coins
- ✓ Thinking about fractions- halves and quarters

Foundations

This month during Foundations we will focus our attention on:

- ✓ Continued word work focused on blends and diagraph blends
- ✓ Continued word work focused on closed syllables
- ✓ Continued word work focused on "r" controlled syllables and new vowel teams
- ✓ Continued focus around sentence writing and Sight Word spelling

Writer's Workshop

This month during Writer's Workshop we will focus our attention on:

- ✓ Continued focused work around creative Narrative writing
- ✓ Focused work around Non-fiction writing both Expository Writing and Opinion Writing

Science

This month during Science we will focus our attention on:

- ✓ Plant Trait Inheritance and Variation
- ✓ Seasonal Changes

Social Studies

This month during Social Studies we will focus our attention on:

- ✓ Continued work on our American Symbols studies: the Bald Eagle, White House, and President will finish our study

Wish List

Supplies needed for our classroom:

- 4 Staplers (Metal Swingline Staplers)
- 4 Frames 12X18 to frame collaborative artwork from our Virginia Lee Burton Study

Thank you for all you do to support our classroom and Buker School!