

Edition: March 2017

Classes: 1 – 302 ● 1 – 304 ● 1 – 305 ● 1 - 306

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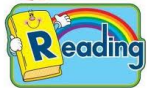
Dear Families,

We are heading into the last leg of the school year and the children have worked very hard to make strides in all subject areas. We are looking forward to parent teacher conferences this month and working with you to finish a successful year with your child. Please continue to work with us in helping your child do the best they can. Our team effort means everything to your child's education. We thank you for your help this year so far!

Sincerely,

First Grade Teachers

PTC: MARCH 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 1-3PM or 4:30-7:30PM



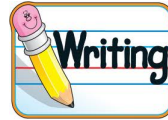
In reading workshop, children are

- working on **fluency, phonic, and comprehension**.
- We are reinforcing our reading strategies again in this unit in order to become stronger readers and will continue for the rest of the month. Some strategies that we are strengthening are looking at the picture, chunking the word, and looking at the ending sounds, etc.

- We are also reinforcing partnership talk by using our partner work placemats during partner reading. When students are rereading these books to their partners, they are working towards a meaningful discussion by using the partner prompts as reminders.



**We Are Readers!**



We have been working hard in March writing beautiful **Poetry and Songs**. Children are writing about a BIG feeling to help them create meaningful poetry. We can write poems about things we love by THINKING about people we love, places we have gone, and things that we love. Poetry writers can write lots of poetry by trying out many different poetry centers: observation window, illustration center, listening center, and ordinary object vs. looking at it with a poet's eye. This has been a very creative unit for our young writers and the students have been doing a phenomenal job exploring their feelings as well as their "poet's eye".



**We Are Authors!**



In Math we will be focusing on number games and story problems. We will continue to play a lot of Math Games to help students reinforce this concept. This unit helps develop ideas about counting and quantity, the composition of numbers, and the operations of addition and subtractions. The children have been visualizing, retelling, and modeling the actions in additions and subtraction problems.

**Reminder:** Please be sure to set aside a time for homework every day. Our children still need your help reading directions and completing their homework. Soon they will be able to do most of the homework assignments all on their own. Thank you for all your support while the children become independent readers.