

# November Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

November is here and fall is all around us! Please know that if there is any difficulty reading letters sent home, let us know and we can explain.

**Fundations:** This month, the kindergarten students will continue to be introduced to letters in the alphabet. They are practicing the letter names and the sound that they make. First grade will continue our Foundations study on Unit 3. We are still tapping out words and spelling them by saying the sound of each letter, and then we blend them together. Also, please go over your child's word list with them every night. During this month we are learning more about segmenting words with digraphs, **sh, ch, ck, wh, th** (two letters that make the same sound together).

**Reading:** This month we are working on looking closely at familiar texts. . This means that the students will be engaged in reading, thinking and talking together about familiar books. This will help them to read their books like a storyteller. Your child should be stopping frequently to think and talk about who the characters in the story are and, how they are feeling.

Please try to sit and read your child's books in their Baggies with them every night. They are starting to read more and more! I hope you can see the progress because they working so hard!



Remember that if you feel comfortable reading with your child in your native language, it is OK. We encourage reading in any language, as this will benefit your child greatly.

**Writing:** During the month of November, we will be continuing our information unit in which the students are writing like scientist. They will apply their knowledge of letters and sounds to labeling items and listing observations. They will also have many opportunities to create a variety of books with simple sentences.

When they write at home, have them use their alphabet chart to write the sounds they hear in the words they want to write and label their pictures. Ask them to write about things they know: video games, sports, favorite TV shows or animals.

**Math:** Our kindergarten students will be focusing on counting objects and thinking about what strategies we can use to help count accurately. The first

graders will work on composing (putting together) and decomposing (breaking apart) shapes. We are also making sure we understand the difference between addition (adding on) and subtraction (taking away). Make sure to highlight the numbers in the story problems to help your child with homework.

**Social Studies:** We will begin to learn about our self and others. Our focus for this unit is 'How are people unique?'

**Science:** We will begin our study in exploring properties of things. The focus will be on how we observe and describe things.

As the days are getting colder, please dress your child appropriately for the weather. Some days we are able to go outside. Please remember your children are learning to be independent and waking them up an extra few minutes in the morning so they can put on their own coat, gloves and hat will help them greatly!

\*If you have any questions regarding your child, please don't hesitate to ask. Thank you!

-Mrs. Santiago