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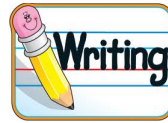
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Dear Families,

Welcome to first grade! Thank you for all your support during the first month of school. We are looking forward to a year full of learning while we work and play. The First Grade Newsletter will be published each month to share our accomplishments and upcoming events. We will also share what we're learning and working on in Reading, Writing, and Math. We hope this will help you gain an insight into our classrooms.

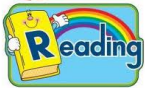
Sincerely,
First Grade Teachers



We are working on writing Small Moment Stories. The children first have to generate ideas for stories to write that they feel very strongly about. These stories are true from their own lives. We plan our stories by touching each page before we begin to sketch. Then we sketch our pictures and last we add words to go with our stories. We have to reread our stories so that they make sense, they sound right and look right. You can help your children in writing by telling stories at home. Storytelling is a great way for students to practice saying their stories out loud, which makes it easier to plan, sketch, and write.



We Are Authors!



We have been reading and working on becoming stronger readers. To become stronger readers, we are aiming to read longer and stronger. We've learned that it is important for us to rev up our minds for reading before we dive into a book. We've learned how to share and talk about our books with our partners. We are reading and making sure we understand what we are reading. We're also making pictures in our minds as we read to help us understand the stories well.

In Reading we are working on word solving skills in several ways. The children will become Word Detectives and will be learning how to solve tricky words in various strategies. The most important goal will be to make sure your children are active problem solvers. Please remember to always read with your children and Talk, Talk, Talk about the books they read.



We Are Readers!



In Math we have been playing a lot of Math Games. These games help students with number recognition, counting on, counting back, and comparing numbers. We will be sending home games throughout the school year. Please be mindful of the games sent home because we may revisit them throughout the year. It's going to be a fun filled year with numbers!

School Closed on: October 3, 4, 10 & 12

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 learners.