

# PARENT NEWSLETTER

First Grade

December 2019



## Readers Workshop

In this Unit “Learning About the World: Reading Nonfiction” first grade students will learn strategies to understand informative texts. They will learn strategies to figure out unknown words in their stories. These strategies will allow students to read more challenging books. As this unit progresses, students will begin to read with more fluency and expression. The priority standards that will be addressed during this unit are:

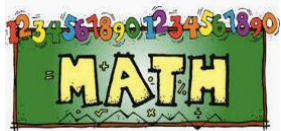
- Ask and answer such questions about key details in a text.
- Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.
- Describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text.
- Ask and answer questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases in a text.

## Writers Workshop

In this unit

“Non-Fiction Chapter Books”, first grade students will write non-fiction books. First graders will write informational books about many different topics. Students will learn how to research a topic, introduce a topic, organize information, and give facts about a topic. First grade students will also learn to use transition words in their story and provide a sense of closure. Students will edit their writing by using capital letters and correct punctuation. The priority standards that will be addressed during this unit are:

- Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure.
- With guidance and support, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add details to strengthen writing as needed.



In the enVision math program, first grade students will be learning about addition and subtraction relationships. Students will determine if addition and subtraction equations are true or false. Student will also learn about data analysis. Students will collect, organize, represent and interpret data. The priority standards that will be addressed during this unit

are:

- Represent and solve problems involving addition and subtraction.
- Understand the meaning of the equal sign, and determine if equations involving addition and subtraction are true or false.
- Represent and interpret data.



First grade students are learning about how animals and plants survive and how living things have defenses that allow them to survive and defend themselves. Students will play the role of marine scientists and their understanding of plant and animal defense structures to explain to aquarium visitors how a sea turtle and her offspring can defend themselves

from ocean predators when they are released in the wild.



In social studies, first grade students will be learning about families today and from long ago. The essential question that they will be answering is: How do families grow and change over time? Students will compare and contrast families today to families long ago. They will compare and contrast topics such as: food, transportation, homes, and clothes.

### Important Dates

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| December 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> – PTA Holiday Store       |
| December 20 <sup>th</sup> – Student of The Month                       |
| December 20 <sup>th</sup> – Pajama Day                                 |
| December 23, 2019 - Wed, Jan 01, 2020 - Winter recess - schools closed |

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### **udent of the Month**

Congratulations to our student of the month recipients. Their accomplishments were celebrated during an assembly in November.

**Pre K**

**Pk-142 Jilliane Rose Depaz  
Pk-143 Nabihah Zaman  
Pk-145 Raymond Chen**

**Grade K**

**K-138 Victoria Diaz  
K-130 Sophia Dolma & Nicolas Molina  
K-119 Giovanni Hernandez  
K-127 Nadia Saara  
K-140 Jessica Lin  
K-128 Hanson Chahjono  
K-125 Airah Hossain  
K-241 Chloe Yang  
K-134 Vincent Lopez**

**Grade 1**

**1-243 Tania Velasquez  
1-231 Joel Valladolid  
1-247 Zuha Mazumder  
1-220 Filza Firoj  
1-222 Ahmed Rasul  
1-251 Nina Qiu  
1-229 Ashley Carreto  
1-218 Jovano Andrea**

**Grade 2**

**2-335 Michael Mendez  
2-337 Gerrard Halim  
2-319 Amy Mendoza  
2-326 Mia Lliguicota  
2-327 Aaron Engka  
2-340 Emmanuel Flores  
2-341 Keefe Harianto  
2-318 Annie Chi  
2-336 Ramisa Raisa**

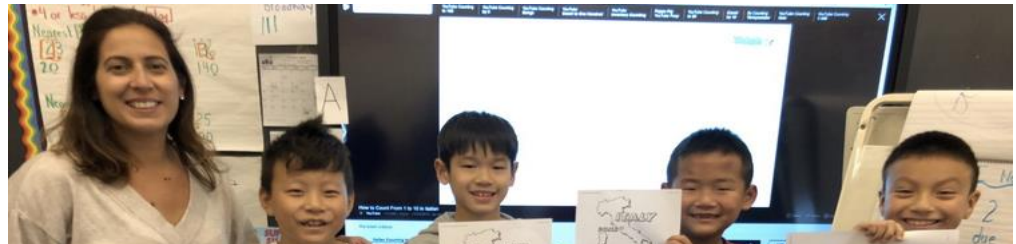
**Grade 3**

**3-48 Alveena Kabir  
3-416 Kelsang Wangmo  
3-417 Mayra Tochimani  
3-429 Faith Jantoro  
3-425 Yulin Wu  
3-423 Tiffany Yu  
3-410 Tenzin Tsega  
3-412 Richard Herrera  
3-430 Natalie Udomsilp**



**Family**

# Engagement!



# Grade 3

## Clubs



