



Our 1st Grade Classroom News



The Week of Nov. 13th - 17th

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Important Info

- Red bag collection ends on November 17th. Please be sure to have your child bring in any money they want to donate for it by then! We have a little girl who is 6 years old that we are going to be buying gifts for! We have suggested that the kids offer to help around the house to earn money towards our red bag collection!

-A friend of mine teaches Kindergarten in KCK. She told me recently that many of her students come to school without coats, gloves, or hats. If you have any children sized coats, gloves, or hats you want to get rid of, send them to school and I can give them to my friend to help out her students! I know she would sure appreciate any help she can get this winter! Thanks so much!

-We are working on th, sh, and ng words!
(Ex: bath, shed, rang, thin, song, rush)

Tech of the Week

Website of the Week: [Math Lines](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/mathlines/mathlinesmenu.htm) is a great game to practice addition, subtraction, or even multiplication if you think your child is ready for that. Students try to find the missing part to add to a certain number you set it at.

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App of the Week: [Brain Tuner](#) is great for addition and subtraction practice. Students have to decide whether a number sentence is right or wrong. Students can't go onto the next level until they have done well on the previous level. It starts with addition, then subtraction, and then a mixture of addition and subtraction.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 17 th	Red Bag Money Collection Ends
Nov. 22-24 th	No School
Dec. 1 st	November Reading Logs Due
Dec. 20 th	$\frac{1}{2}$ Day of School
Dec. 1 st - Jan. 3 rd	No School
Jan. 4 th	December Reading Logs Due

Challenges of the Week

Math Challenge of the Week: We have been talking about fact families recently. Students come up with 4 number sentences that are all part of a fact family (2 addition and 2 subtraction sentences). Have your child come up with an addition sentence and then have them write down the rest of the fact family. Have them do this at least 3 times. Here is an example:

$$4+3=7$$

$$3+4=7$$

$$7-3=4$$

$$7-4=3$$

Remind them of this: A part + a part = a whole
A whole - a part = a part

Reading Challenge of the Week: Recently we have been talking a lot about proper nouns and discussing how they are nouns that need to be capitalized. As your child is reading a book, have them make a list of proper nouns they find in it. Examples: Mrs. Weeks, Harmony Elementary, Overland Park, Snoopy, Taco Bell, etc.

Writing Challenge of the Week: We have been discussing recipes and the differences between ingredients and directions. The students wrote ingredients and directions on how they think a turkey should be cooked. Have your child write the ingredients and directions on how to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich (or something they know how to make). Make sure in the directions they use transitional words such as first, next, then, finally.