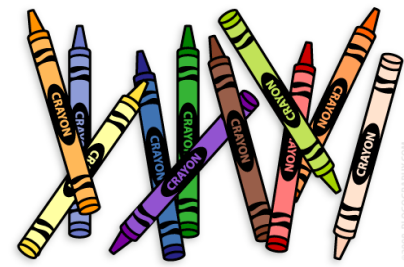




# Our 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Classroom News



The Week of Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>

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## Important Info

-We are working on ending consonant blends this week (ex: limp, hand, went, sunk, nest)

-Thank you so much for everyone's help with the Halloween parade and party! The kids had a BLAST! I was so sad I had to miss out on the fun! I loved seeing the pictures from it though!

-I have a funeral to attend this week for a family member in Nebraska. I will be gone on Monday and Tuesday. If you have any important messages for me on those days, please call the office.

## Tech of the Week

**Website of the Week:** Brainie is a fun one we have been playing on the SMARTboard for centers. Students have to find numbers that equal the given numbers. The levels increase every time they play so it gets harder and harder. Great challenge for many of them!

<http://www.mathplayground.com/brainie.html>

**App of the Week:** Math vs. Zombies is just a fun one I figured a lot of students would like. I have had many students in the past tell me it was their favorite app!

## Upcoming Events

Nov. 21-23 <sup>rd</sup>	No School
Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	½ Day of School Winter Party (am)
Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup> - Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	No School
Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup>	No School

## 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. They can make this as easy or hard as they want (single digit numbers or double-digit numbers). 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:** Have students read a fiction book. Then have them write down what the main problem in the book was. *For more of a challenge, have them write what the solution was as well.*

**Writing Challenge of the Week:** Have your child come up with a short story that has a beginning, middle, and end about what they did for Halloween. Have them use words such as first, next, then, and finally to do this.