



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



The Week of Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

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## Important Info

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

-I have added another class video to my website! This one is over our Pumpkin Theme Week! Thank you so much for helping your child bring a pumpkin to school that week! You can find that video by visiting the link below:

<https://teachers.bluevalleyk12.org/Page/33565>

-Thank you so much for everyone's help with the Halloween parade and party! The kids had a BLAST! It is so nice to have such giving and caring parents!

## 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. 22-24 <sup>th</sup>	No School
Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	November Reading Logs Due
Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	$\frac{1}{2}$ Day of School
Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> - Jan. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	No School
Jan. 4 <sup>th</sup>	December Reading Logs Due

## Challenges of the Week

**Math Challenge of the Week:** Go to the website below and print off the math worksheet. Give your child a timer and see how long it takes them to complete the 25 problems. Write down the amount of time on the paper and glue the page on a paper in their homework notebook. This website is a great one to practice every once in a while for math fluency. Our goal for the end of 1<sup>st</sup> grade is to get the students to solve problems like these in about 3 seconds each.

<https://tinyurl.com/yd8skjev>

**Reading Challenge of the Week:** We have been working on asking and answering questions while we read to help us comprehend our books better. We did this by looking at pictures and questioning things that we read. For example, a student noticed that in our book we were reading that a dog was stuck in a hole. He wondered how the dog got there in the first place. We went back through the book and figured out that the dog probably got stuck by chasing a cat from the previous page. Have your child ask questions and try and answer them together by looking at pictures and reading on in the book. See if they can come up with at least 3 questions while they read. Write down the questions and answers that they provide!

**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.