



Our 1st Grade Classroom News



The Week of Oct. 9th - 13th

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Important Info

-Reminder that students need to bring a pumpkin (any size that they can carry) to class on Oct. 23rd (please not before this date) for our Pumpkin Theme Week.

-We are working on reviewing short vowels this week.

-Parents are invited to come with us to the book fair in the library on October 23rd at 2:00. If you cannot make it to the library at that time, you can send money with your child to buy books themselves. Please place the money in a bag with their name on it.

Tech of the Week

Website of the Week: [Drawing Now](http://DrawingNow.com) is a great website where it teaches the students how to draw different things and takes them through all of the steps! This would be a great activity to have them do and then write a story about the animal or thing they drew!

App of the Week: Dictionary.com has a great app that is free. It is a great alternative to a dictionary if you don't have a dictionary at home. It also shares a word of the day which would be a great challenge for your child to use that word in a sentence each day if you think they need a challenge! Another activity is to find a word in an actual dictionary and then typing and finding it on the app as well! It is fun to see the differences each dictionary displays for a certain word.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 13 th	No School
Oct. 23 rd	Book Fair Class Time @2:00 in the library
Oct. 23-26	Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct. 26-30	No School
Oct. 31 st	Halloween Parade and Party
Nov. 1 st	Reading Log Due

Challenges of the Week

Math Challenge of the Week: Have your child come up with all of the ways to make 10 that they can. It can be adding numbers together or subtracting numbers from one another. See if they can find at least 6 different ways of making 10!

Reading Challenge of the Week: Students can visualize while they read. For example, the students read a paragraph and visualized what was happening in that paragraph in their heads while listening. Then they drew a picture of what they saw in their heads. Read a few pages of a book to your child without them looking at the pictures. Then have them draw a picture in their homework notebook what they visualized while listening to what you read.

Writing Challenge of the Week: Students in first grade typically have a hard time recalling what they did all day long. Have your child write about a day this week and everything they did during that day. Have them use words such as first, next, then, finally to help them organize their writing better. *For more of a challenge, see if they can include at least 4 adjectives in their story and have them underline those adjectives.*