



Our 1st Grade Classroom News



The Week of Oct. 22nd – November 2nd

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Important Info

-This newsletter is for October 22nd – November 2nd since we do not have school quite a bit these 2 weeks. **The Challenge of the Week will be due on November 2nd.**

-We are working on s blends (sk, sl, sm, sn, sp, st, sw). We will also review l and r blends.

-We will be attending the Book Fair on October 22nd at 2:30pm. You are free to join us to help your child pick out books! Just meet us in the library if you decide to come! If you decide not to come or find out you cannot, you can send money with your child to find books themselves. If you send the money in a bag with a little list of books you want them to get, we will try our hardest to help them find those books!

Tech of the Week

Website of the Week: [Wacky Web Tales](http://www.eduplace.com/tales/) is a great website to help creativity, reading, and language arts skills! Students are asked a set of questions based on which wacky story they pick and they put in their answers into a story. The story comes out to be quite funny! The students can practice reading the stories fluently once it is made! Some students will definitely need parental support on this one but it is a GREAT challenge! <https://www.eduplace.com/tales/>

App of the Week: [Counting Money](#) is a great app because you can set it up as hard or easy as your child needs. Students learn the value of the coins and learn how to count mixed coins at the same time. For most of the class, I would suggest doing the beginner level, 10 questions, timer off, and DO show the coins total to start off with on the settings.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 22 nd	Class Book Fair Time @ 2:30
Oct. 23 rd	Weeks gone for a conference during day
Oct. 22 nd – 25 th	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct. 25 th -29 th	No School
Oct. 31 st	Halloween parade/party @ 2:30 (track)

Challenges of the Week

Math Challenge of the Week: We will be starting to work on math fluency to the number 10 soon. I will be looking to see if students need manipulatives to solve simple addition and subtraction sentences or if they can solve it in their head. Give your child these addition problems and watch how they solve them. Do they need to use their fingers, draw pictures, or use items to help solve them? Or can they solve them relatively quickly without any help. Write down what they used to help them solve the problems (write down 'in head' if no things were used). *For more of a challenge, give them subtraction problems.*
1+4, 8+2, 5+3, 7+1, 3+3, 2+6, 9+1, 4+3, 1+5, 3+7

Reading Challenge of the Week: Have your child find a non-fiction book that has captions. Have them read all of the captions in the book. Then have them pick out their favorite one. They can write down what the caption says in their notebooks!

Writing Challenge of the Week: We have been practicing editing our writing AS we write rather than waiting until we finish writing our stories. Have your child write about whatever they want. WHILE they are writing, have them go back and reread to you what they wrote to make sure it makes sense and to see if they need to make any corrections. Do this a couple of times while they write to help them get used to stopping in the middle of their writing to check how the story sounds so far.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK DUE ON NOVEMBER 2nd!