



Our 1st Grade Classroom News



The Week of Oct. 8th - 12th

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Important Info

-We are working on r-blend words along with reviewing short vowels this week (examples: brat, trust, prom, crisp, drop, grab, etc).

-If you haven't signed up for conferences yet, please visit this website:

https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Harmony_Elementary_School_4

Tech of the Week

Website of the Week: Drawing Now 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. 12 th	No School
Oct. 23-25	Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct. 25-29	No School
Oct. 31 st	Halloween Parade and Party (On track @2:15)

Challenges of the Week

Math Challenge of the Week: Last week we worked with a ten frame to visually see what numbers look like. A ten frame is 10 boxes (5 on top and 5 on bottom) with different numbers of counters (circles) filling the boxes. We created addition sentences 2 different ways. One way is we added the top row plus the bottom row of counters to find out how many counters in all. Another way is to add the number of filled boxes plus the number of empty boxes to see how many boxes there are in all. Go to the website listed below to see an online lesson I created. It will explain this better! Create around 3 ten frames and fill them with different number of counters. Then have your child come up with 1 or 2 addition sentences to go with each ten frame. Check out the link below for help with this: <http://tinyurl.com/ogfskmc!>

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. Have them write the title of the book at the top of the page as well.

Writing Challenge of the Week: Have your child recall 3 things they did one day this week. Have them use words such as first, next, then, finally, to share what they did. You can make this as simple (1 sentence) or hard (5 or more sentences) as your child can handle. Most students are writing around 3 sentences right now.