



Our 1st Grade Classroom News



The Week of September 11th - 15th

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Important Info

- Reminder to try and help your child keep their reading logs in their VIP folders so that I can check them every once in a while to see their progress. Wednesdays are the days I will try and check them but sometimes I do end up doing other days as well.
- Reminder that if you want your child to eat a school lunch on the day of the zoo fieldtrip, please complete the form that was sent home last week and have your child bring it back to school by September 14th.

Tech of the Week

Website of the Week: Read and Listen is a great website that Scholastic has, that allows students to have a book read to them or read a book by themselves about different things. This is a great way to tie in Social Studies with their reading.

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/commclub/index.htm>

App of the Week: Popword is a FUN app for all! I actually use this app myself quite a bit. Students find words by pressing on letters that are connected to one another. For the students, I would suggest doing the practice rounds instead of playing an actual game against someone else. Maybe once they get enough practice, see if they would like to challenge themselves by playing someone else! This app is free!

Upcoming Events

Sept. 15 th	Amigo Day
Sept. 20 th	Picture Day (am) Walk-a-thon Shirt orders are due
Sept. 22 nd	No School
Sept. 29 th	Zoo Field Trip
Oct. 2 nd	Sept. Reading Logs Due

Challenges of the Week

Math Challenge: We just started Topic 2 in math that has many subtraction activities. Have your child come up with subtraction story problems with something being taken away. Here is an example: Michelle had 7 rubber bands. Then she lost 4 of them! How many rubber bands does Michelle have now? *To make it more difficult, have them come up with comparison story problems instead. For example, I have 15 rubber bands. Ashley has 12 rubber bands. How many more rubber bands do I have than Ashley? (To solve, students take the highest amount minus the lower amount to find the difference).*

Reading Challenge: We have been identifying the main characters in books and deciding whether they would be a friend we would want to have or not. Have your child read a book, identify the main characters, and write about whether they would want to be friends with them in real life or not. Have them give reasons why they would or would not want to be friends with them.

Writing Challenge: Go to THIS website and have your child spin to create a writing prompt! There are SUPER fun writing prompts here that will allow your child's imagination to run wild while they write! Have your child write a short story using the writing prompt that they got!
www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/adventure-writing-prompts/