



Our 1st Grade Classroom News



The Week of September 18th - 21st

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Important Info

- We will be working on short e words this week (and a, i, and o words as well).
- Homework is due on Thursday of this week instead of Friday since there is no school on Friday.
- Please check on ParentVue for your child's progress on grades. I don't have a ton on there yet so my goal is to email each family in the next week or so to let you know how your child is doing in other areas as well.

Tech of the Week

Website of the Week: [Number Twins](http://www.softschools.com/math/games/fun/number_twins/) is a FUN game for students to find matching numbers that equal ten. Every year my kids have LOVED this website and got extremely good at it by the end of the school year!
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App of the Week: [Puppet Pals](#) has always been a favorite app of mine! Kids can pick different characters and create a play using their own voices! They can pick their backgrounds and even change backgrounds during the middle of it as well! Last year I had students create plays on that app using a story they wrote during writing. They had SO much fun with it and was able to be super creative!

Upcoming Events

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 of the Week: We learned a new strategy for subtracting last week. We learned to use a number line. We put our finger on the biggest number and 'hop' backwards however many times it tells us to subtract it by. For example, if we read the number sentence $7-3=?$, students would put their finger on 7 and hop backwards 3 times to see what number they would land on (4). Write down 4 to 8 subtraction problems and create a number line for your child (just a line with numbers 0-20 on it). Have your child solve all of your subtraction problems using the number line. You can make this easier by using smaller numbers (less than 10) or harder by using larger numbers (more than 20) and make the number line in-between larger numbers (ex: 40-60).

Reading Challenge of the Week: We discussed what captions are in non-fiction books. We talked about how important it is to read those when we see them in books. Have your child find a caption from a non-fiction book they read and write down what it was about.

Writing Challenge of the Week: We have been researching different animals and writing notes about what we learn about them. Have your child research an animal of their choice and write some notes down about it. We have been using bullet points to help us organize our notes better. They can use www.pebblego.com to research an animal! The students have had LOTS of practice on this website. The username and password is harmony. Or they can use another resource as well!