



# 1st Grade News

**November 6, 2023**

## Veteran's Day

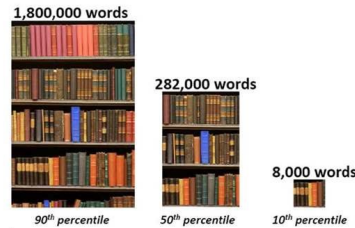
*Thank you to all the veterans who are a part of our TCA community, we appreciate everything you do.*

## January Literacy Testing

Literacy Testing will be here before you know it. Daily reading is very important in building reading fluency in first grade. Take a look at the image to the right!

### Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year



By the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?  
(Nagy & Herman, 1987)

## Important

### Dates:

- 11/5** Time Change-Fall Back
- 11/10** Veteran's Day Assembly
- 11/11** Veteran's Day
- 11/17** Progress Reports Go Home
- 11/20-11/24** Thanksgiving Break
- 12/7** 3rd/4th grade concert
  - dress up day (dresses, suits, ties, etc. or regular uniform)
- 12/8** Titan Buddy Caroling, Denim and Holiday Hat Day
- 12/15** Classroom Christmas party
  - Denim Day
  - Christmas sweater day
- 12/18-1/3** Christmas Break
- 1/4** Students return to school
- 1/5** Literacy Testing (PM only). Titan Buddy/Denim Day
- 1/12** Literacy Testing

## In Our Curriculum:

### Core Knowledge

**Ancient Civilizations:** We will be taking a closer look at the Aztec, and Incan Empires, as well as some of the early conquistadors.

### Poetry

#### Thanksgiving Day

by Lydia Maria Child

**Recitation: Week of Nov. 27th**

*Due to Thanksgiving Break, we will have less class time to practice this poem.*

### Math Facts

We will still be working on our math facts (+/-) to 10. We want these to be as close to automatic as possible. As always, any extra practice at home is helpful and greatly appreciated!

### Spelling Test

Lists 15-16

#### Spelling lists

*(Spelling sentence dictation will now be a part of each week's spelling test)*

### Math

We worked hard this past week on adding and subtracting by using some math strategies. The main focus was on pulling a number apart into 10's and 1's. Our goal in teaching strategies is to help the kids develop mental math skills that help them add and subtract larger numbers. Next week we will dive further into adding by making a 10. Please see the dimensions newsletter for more information.

#### Dimensions Parent Letter

Parent Academy Book Talk - "The Gift of Failure" by Jessica Lahey

January 16<sup>th</sup> in the North Elementary Library  
8:30am-10:00am.

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