

1st Grade News

April 12, 2024



Spotlight on Grit

TCA seeks to assist parents in developing citizens that have virtuous character. One trait we highlight is **grit**. Grit is a person's ability to persevere through a difficult task. Students develop grit when they have to work beyond what they think they are capable of achieving. Studies have been done that show teachers' and parents' quick rescue efforts can actually cause students more hardship than good. If we "rescue" students as soon as they

come across a difficult problem or task, they never develop the skills to work through a tough problem on their own. As you continue to work with your student this year, keep this in mind. While we don't want students to give up, we want to push them a little bit in their thinking and be slower in "rescue" efforts. It is vital that students develop in their **grit**. We want every student to be able to persevere and give their best during a difficult task!

Special Days

- **April 12**—Progress Reports go home
- **April 26**—Art Show
- **May 1**—Field Trip to Fountain Creek Nature Center
- **May 2 & 3** — No School, Literacy Testing
- **May 21**—Field Day
- **May 23**—Last Day of School (1/2 Day)

In our curriculum:

Spelling Test:
lists 51 + 52

Reading: Please continue to be reading with your child everyday . . . and asking questions!

Poetry: *Declaration of Independence* (part of)

Math Facts:
Addition AND Subtraction
to 20!

Math: We are continuing our unit on Addition and Subtraction within 100 this week. We will be testing addition separate from subtraction. Please click [this link](#) for more information.

Core Knowledge:

We are continuing in our unit on Plant and Animal Survival.

Character: We met with our 4th Grade Titan Buddies and enjoyed a lesson on curiosity.

Build Reading Comprehension~

Please take time to ask a few questions after reading a book each night. What is the text structure? Who are the characters? What is the setting? Is there a main problem and solution?