

1st Grade News

April 1, 2024



Preparing for Literacy Testing

Literacy testing is coming up! We can't wait to see how much our first graders have grown in their reading this year. Please keep practicing at home! Students are expected to read 47 words per minute to meet benchmark in first grade. As always, thank you for partnering with us in building your child's reading skills!

Uniform Reminders

As we approach the Spring Season, please keep these uniform reminders in mind: **shorts** must have interior pockets and be worn with a **belt**. **Skirts** should have shorts/leggings underneath to maintain modesty, **Polo Shirts** must be of a uniform color and be free of rips and holes. They must also be long enough to stay tucked in. **Socks** must be of a neutral color.

Important Dates:

April 5th - Titan Buddy/Denim Day

April 12th - Progress Reports go home

April 17th - 5th/6th Grade Concert (Dress Up Day)

April 25th - Field Trip to Fountain Creek Nature Center (details to come)

-Art Show @ 5:00

April 26th - Service Run

May 2nd -3rd - Literacy Testing

May 10 - Recite Declaration in Assembly

May 20th-23rd - Camp Learned a Lot

***23rd** - Last Day of School (1/2 Day)

-Report Cards go Home

FYI: Sep. 20, 2024 - Grandparent's Day

In Our Curriculum:

Spelling

Spelling Lists: 47 & 48
[spelling lists](#)

Core Knowledge

Light and Sound: We will start looking at some aspects of light and how it affects, or reacts, to different types of surfaces. On Friday, ask your child to tell you about the experiments we did this week.

Poetry

Declaration of Independence
Thomas Jefferson

Memorize this section: "We hold these truths....consent of the governed."

[Declaration of Independence](#)

Due the week of April 29th

Math

Fact tests will now include facts up to 20. We have been working hard on a variety of methods to help kids be efficient in working with larger numbers. Adding/Subtracting large numbers is a skill we are working on, and have not yet perfected! As always, any extra practice at home is very beneficial!

We will wrap up the addition portion of our numbers to 100 chapter. Please have your child demonstrate some of the strategies we have learned in class. Also, please see the Dimension Parent Letter for strategy examples.

[Chapter 17 Parent Letter](#)