



Mrs. Del Gaizo's Class



## Week of April 29-May 2, 2019

Welcome to our first grade class webpage. During the school year, this webpage is updated each week to keep you informed of what is happening in our classroom.



### Dates to Remember

### Happy Easter!

**First Grade Field Trip-Monday, April 29**

**Wednesday: Author Visit: Kentrell Martin**

**Mass and Faith Family: Thursday, May 2 12:15 Day!**

**Church Uniform! Please- no shorts!**

**No School: Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Teacher Spirituality Day**

**Reminder: No School 5/24-Bishop's Holiday**

**No School: Monday, 5/27 Memorial Day**



Writer's Workshop

## In April we will be...

### Writing Reviews-Best in Show: Judging Our Collections

- \*Writing opinions about our collections
- \*Using several reasons and supporting details-about opinion
- \*Using a writer's check list to write opinion writing
- \*Backing up our opinions with reasons
- \* Writing about our least favorite or worst thing giving reasons and evidence
- \*Writing our opinions about such topics as: Best Special, Best Subject, Best Lunch, Best Place to Read a Book, Best Dr. Seuss Book, etc
- \*Write an Acrostic Poem about SPRING
- \*Writing a Super Sentence about a Bunny
- \*Writing activities as we explore seasonal topics
- \*Writing our story for our Author's Tea
- \*Writing about our field trip using sequencing words

### Grammar: Adjectives, Verbs and Contractions

Our workshop begins with a short mini-lesson focusing on a specific skill. We will be busy writing each day to practice our writing skills.

## In Reader's Workshop

### In April we will be...

## Readers Use Everything They Know to Get the Job Done Quickly

- Be a Boss! Readers Say, "I Can Do This!"

- **Readers Use Everything They Know to Solve a Word**
- **Readers “Check It!” to Self Monitor**
- **Readers Make a Plan**
- **Readers Get Help When They Need It**
- **Readers Think about the Story to Problem Solve Words**
- **Readers Work to Understand, Rereading if They Don’t Get It**
- **Reading like a Rock Star!**

During our literacy block the students will be working on Reading to Self, Reading to Others, Word Work, and Listening to Reading. To become amazing readers, our first graders will be spending as much time as possible receiving individual and group instruction and reading independently at their own personal level.

This week, we will be using all of our strategies in our tool box to read and get the job done quickly! Our Mentor Text will be Tumbleweed Stew. We will practice reading like ROCK STARS! We will be creating a book about our Field Trip. We will use sequencing words to tell about our trip. Our illustrations will match our words. We are finished writing our Author Tea books and will be publishing them!

We are working on strategies for comprehension, accuracy, fluency, and expanding our vocabulary.

As we progress through the year, your child will be taught a number of different reading strategies as they grow into fluent readers and comprehend text.

### Reading Strategies

During first grade, when reading with your child at home, you will want to see if your child is making use of the various reading strategies that they will learn. These skills are:

- \*Sneaking a peak to get ready to read-Making Predictions!
- \*looking at pictures for clues to unknown words
- \*getting your mouth ready with the beginning sound
- \*thinking about what makes sense
- \*looking for chunks that you know
- \*skipping the word, reading on and then coming back to the unknown word
- \*seeing if the word you are saying looks right
- \*asking for help

The most important thing that you can do to help your children grow as readers is to READ, READ, READ! When your child hears you read, it helps build fluency, increase vocabulary, and helps with comprehension.

### Spelling

Each week, your first grader is introduced to the spelling skill of the week. They will bring home their weekly spelling list each Monday and

will be tested on Friday. Spelling words are differentiated to meet the various needs and skills of the students in our class

## Long Vowel Review

Words:

## No Spelling Test

Red word:

Review:

Challenge:

## Math

## In April we will...

### Chapter 9: Two-Dimensional Shapes and Equal Shares

At home, you may want to practice the following skills:

- \*Reading and writing numbers 0-100 forward and backward
- \*Reviewing months of the year and days of the week
- \*Practice facts with sums up to ten
- \*Practice fact fluency
- \*Practice counting on
- \*Practice counting on using a number line
- \*Practice Double facts-Doubles Plus and Minus 1
- \*Making a Ten
- \*Adding 3 numbers
- \*Counting back
- \*Using doubles to subtract

- \*Fact Families
- \*Place Value
- \*Two-Digit Addition and Subtraction
- \*Tally Marks
- \*Problem Solving-Using a Table
- \*Picture Graphs and Bar Graphs
- \*telling time to the hour and half hour using an analog and digital clock
- \*Rectangles and Squares
- \*Trapezoids and Triangles
- \*Circles
- \*Composite Shapes
- \*Equal Parts

## Social Studies

### **In April we will...**

Our Social Studies program incorporates language arts, encourages active student participation as they learn about the world around them, and connects what they have learned to their own personal experiences.

## Science

In first grade, we will be exploring cycles, seasons, and living and non-living things, animals, and weather. We are learning about sound and light waves

Earth Day Celebration: Story: Miss Rumphius

Discuss Author's Message

What can we do to make the world more beautiful?

## Religion

We will be learning how our family and church helps us to love God more. Please help your child practice their prayers. First graders go to church as a class on the third Thursday of each month. Join us!

**Easter Prayer:** Risen Jesus, help us share in your new life. Alleluia!  
Amen.

**Faith Family Theme:** Walking with Jesus

## Homework Schedule

### Monday

- Math worksheet
- Read for 10 minutes and record in log
- Spelling list sent home for daily practice

### Tuesday-

- Journal Writing

### Wednesday-

- Math worksheet
- Read for 10 minutes/ record in log

### Thursday-

- Math worksheet
- Read for 10 minutes/record in log

## Friday-

- Spelling test /reading log due
- Have a great weekend!

This is the general structure for each week. Be sure to check your child's folder each day. Your child's weekly reading log sheet will be sent home every Monday and needs to be returned to school each Friday.

### Specials Schedule

Monday: Gym



Tuesday: Spanish

Wednesday: library and Art

Thursday: Music

Friday: Tech

If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail or call!

Please remember that communication between parent and teacher is important! I can be reached by telephone (908) 735-6334 or by e-mail [kdelgaizo@icsclinton.org](mailto:kdelgaizo@icsclinton.org)