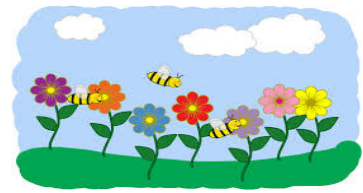


FIRST GRADE NOTES

March 2020



Dear First Grade Families,

We enjoyed meeting with you at parent-teacher conferences! A good way to gauge the arrival of spring is to peek inside a first-grade classroom. You wouldn't believe all that's blooming inside! There are readers, writers and mathematicians in full bloom. ☺

May 22nd will be here before you know it. There are a lot of exciting and fun activities that will be packed into the remaining 10 ½ weeks. Hold on to your hats and enjoy this beautiful time of year with your First Grader!

Blogging at Home

Your first grader might enjoy blogging from home. Some examples of blog topics might include writing about their favorite book, school day, after school activities (sports, play dates, clubs), etc. Please do not post personal information or post pictures. Happy Blogging!

How does my child get to their blog?

1. Go to the Kinkaid Lower School Links page:
<https://sites.google.com/kinkaid.org/kslinks/home>
2. Click on the '1st' circle at the top of the screen. Scroll down to First Grade Blogs. Click on your **teacher's name**.
3. Once you're on the Kidblog website, click '**Log In**' in the top right corner. Your child will select their name from the drop-down menu. Their password is *falcon1*. Click '**Log In**'.
4. To create a new post, click the blue '**New Post**' button in the top right corner. Type a title for your post. Then click in the big box below to type your post. Click '**publish**' at the top of the page once you're ready for your post to be read. *Helpful Hint: The post will not publish unless it has a title.*



Field Day 2019

FIELD DAY IS APRIL 16.

Online one-stop shopping open now thru March 31.

Important Dates

- Mon., March 2 - Field Trip to Main Street Theatre
- March 16 – 20– Spring Break
- Mon., March 23 - NO SCHOOL for students due to Professional Development for teachers
- Thurs., April 16: Field Day
- Fri., April 17: LS & MS Late Start (*School will begin at 9.45.*)
- Fri., May 8 First Grade Grandparent/Special Friends Program @ 9:00 (*Parents are invited to attend as well.*)

What We're Learning About!

Reading:

- Reading NF texts to gain new knowledge about Texas state symbols
- Texas Tall Tales
- Paraphrasing information

Spelling:

-Week of March 2 - REVIEW

- The (ng) sound in the medial position = n (ex: sink)
- The (ng) sound in the final position = ng (ex: king)

-Week of March 9 - The (k) sound in the final position in a one-syllable base word after a short vowel = ck (ex: truck)

-Week of March 24 - The (k) sound in final position after a consonant = k (ex: bank)

-Week of March 30 - The vowel pair (oo) sound in initial or medial position = oo (ex: book) and the vowel pair (ee) sound in initial or medial position = ee (ex: feet)

Writing:

- Creating teaching posters
- Tall Texans writing / Texas state symbol writing
- Learning to summarize

Math:

- Subtraction & addition strategies
- Fact families
- Attributes of shapes
- "What's my rule?" (finding unknown #'s in number sentences)

Grandparents' Program



Thank you for sending in the addresses for Grandparents' Program. We will be mailing them a special handwritten invitation at the beginning of April.

We hope to see all of you at the performance on Friday, May 8th @ 9:00 a.m. The program will take place in the Brown Auditorium. Parents are invited to attend as well. ☺