

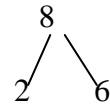
November 2008

Dear Parents,

We are so proud of all the hard effort the children are putting forth in First Grade!

In November we study about the very first Thanksgiving including the Pilgrims, Native Americans and corn. Each child will recite the “Thanksgiving Turkey” poem in front of the class.

In math we are working hard on learning several strategies to help us master our addition and subtraction facts. We hope you read the parent letter explaining “Math Mountains” Have your child show you they know how to make a math mountain. You’ll see the total goes at the top of the mountain, and the partners go at the bottom. Please help your children study their math facts by reviewing the math flash cards we sent home this month. We suggest they practice the math flash cards each evening for 5 min.



In Science we will focus on the Matter unit. Concepts taught in this unit are the three types of matter: solids, liquids, and gases. We will observe the properties of many solids and liquids. We will compare how various solids and liquids are alike and how they are different. Your child might ask for help to locate solids and liquids in your home. You’ll want to discuss and compare the different characteristics of those you find.

We were very pleased to see most of the children read 20 or more books during the month of October! Congratulations! We hope to see even more completed November Reader’s Logs. The Guided Reading groups are helping the children become more skillful readers. We are learning about verb endings (s, ed, and ing) and decoding long vowel words. We hope parents will attend Literacy night to learn more about our Reading program, the Language Arts Standards and the First Grade report card.

We went on our fieldtrip to the Kellogg House, otherwise known as the Centennial Heritage Museum. The children made butter, washed clothes using an old-fashioned washboard and tub, talked on an old-time telephone, dressed in turn of the century clothing, and enjoyed playing with the simpler toys of long ago in the children’s room. The children loved all the hands on activities!

Thank you so much for all your effort and support in helping your children succeed in school.

Sincerely,

The First Grade Teachers

