

6/7/2024

FIELD DAY IS MONDAY! WEAR RED AND WHITE

Monday-Ultimate Field Day

Tuesday-Visit Second Grade

Wednesday- We will wear our t-shirts today (they will stay at school until then!)

Thursday- x-change autographs day

Friday-Yellow day celebration!!!!

6/3/2024

Hello First Grade Families,

This week we will be starting our week with our Field Trip to Squam Lake Science Center

Monday- Popcorn on our field Trip

Tuesday- Quiet day!

Wednesday- Rollercoaster Day

Thursday- STEM and SUMMER BIRTHDAYS !!!

Friday- T-shirt day! *Decorating our t-shirts with our 1st grade friends and 6th grade buddies

Some Important Dates to keep in mind

❖ June 3-Squam Lake Field Trip

❖ June 4 & 5-NWEA testing for first grade

❖ June 10-Field Day**Our colors are RED AND WHITE

❖ June 17-Last day of 1st grade- $\frac{1}{2}$ day...Zip up and Zoom out!

5/27/2024

Hello First Grade Families,

This week we will be starting our yearly review to help us be prepared for our NWEA and end of the year testing.

Tuesday-Letters to Kindergarten

Wednesday- Mexican Fiesta

Thursday-New Name Day

Friday-Outside Lunch day

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5/20/2024

Hello First Grade Families,

We are continuing Money this week! We will continue our habitat and Mexico unit and keep working on the vowel teams and syllables in sentence building!

Monday-Hawaiian Day

Tuesday-Ice Pop Party Day

Wednesday-Joke Day ***We have our 6th grade buddies too!

Thursday-Kite and Kindness Day

Friday-NO SCHOOL STUDENT PLACEMENT

Keep reading at home and building on those fluency and comprehension skills. You can do this with your child by re-reading a book until they read smoothly and by asking questions about key details in the book!

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❖ June 10-Field Day

❖ June 17-Last day of 1st grade-½ day

5/10/2024

Hello First Grade Families,

We're on to Money next week! Hold tight...this is a tricky unit for some! We will continue our habitat and Mexico unit and keep working on the vowel teams and syllables!

Monday-Chalk Day

Tuesday-Dance Party Day

Wednesday-Elephant and Piggie Day

Thursday-Facepaint Day

Friday-Game Day

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5/5/20224

Hello First Grade Families,

We are ready for another fun filled week of learning in our classroom. We will continue with Double Digit Subtraction in math, Realistic Fiction stories in writing and open and closed syllables in foundations. WEDNESDAY we will begin our ABC COUNTDOWN! Remember to please send in your donation form if you are interested in helping out in the classroom! For this upcoming week we are in need of some bubbles and sidewalk chalk. Keep reading at home and building on those fluency and comprehension skills. You can do this with your child by re-reading a book until they read with smoothly and by asking questions about key details in the book!

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Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

4/28/20224

Welcome Back from April Vacation! I hope everyone enjoyed some time off before we embark on the last 33 ½ days of 1st grade with lots of learning still to go! As we get back to school, Monday will be a fun PJ day! In Math we will be diving right into Double Digit addition and subtraction, In Writing we will begin the fun process of building our Story Lego Board and using those for our Realistic Fiction Writing Unit! We will be working in our reading groups to increase our fluency and comprehension with retell

details. And to look ahead for the ABC countdown-we will be sending out a fun countdown of the last 26 days with each day corresponding to a letter of the alphabet! We will also be sending home some sign up sheets for donations and help!

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Warmly,
Mrs. Quirk

4/12/2024

What a fantastic weekend I had in first grade! We celebrated 3 birthdays with fun activities and movement breaks! One more great week of learning and then some fun vacation days await! Some kiddos have been sharing they will be leaving early mid week, if so can you please just let me know for planning their week out, thank you. In Math we finished up time and the kids really got the concept well, often telling me now when I'm late!!! We will be moving to double digit addition. In Foundations we are still on those tricky vowel teams and blends. Reading groups are going great and the students are making great progress. We have one more week of opinion writing and then will start something new after vacation!

Here are some ways that you can support your child's learning at home:

- Keep opening opportunities to read with your child.
- Lexia opportunities at home will help increase opportunities for learning-just 15 minutes in the evening!
- Conversations with your child about having respectful words to both adults and peers. We have been experiencing some disrespectful choices and words this week.

Thank you for your continued support.
Warmly,
Mrs. Quirk

4/2/2024

Dear First Grade Families,

This week in our classroom we will be moving on from o'clock in math and working on half past. In writing we are starting to learn all about convincing others! We will be writing about some of our favorites and trying to convince classmates! In foundations we are continuing controlled and vowel teams spellings as well and finishing up many of our sound wall words! And we will be discussing what the solar eclipse is all about...which is fantastic timing in our space unit!

Here are some ways that you can support your child's learning at home:

- Keep opening opportunities to read with your child. **If reading passages or books come home, please send them back the next day, thank you!**
- Lexia opportunities at home will help increase opportunities for learning-just 15 minutes in the evening!
- Conversations with your child about having a growth mindset when doing hard things. Many students are encountering harder tasks and need that reminder.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

3/22/2024

Dear First Grade Families,

We started to be Fair Judges this week in writing and started to learn how to give our opinion with reasons! **5 item Collections are due Monday in a ziplock bag.** The students will have their collection at school for a bit and work on learning how to judge their collection and also kindly debate others! We're off to Time in math and continuing to learn the calendar as we do each morning at morning meetings! In foundations we will continue our r-controlled and vowel teams and work on our sound wall words to wrap those up soon as everyone is doing a fantastic job gaining those sounds to become sight words. And last our space adventure continues onto day and night patterns with the sun and moon phases!

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Mrs. Quirk

3/15/2024

Dear First Grade Families,

What a great finish to our How to Writing Unit! They enjoyed learning How to share what they know how to do well, but also learn how to write directions on some things they had to think through the process! Our next Unit will be our Opinion Unit in which we will be judging and giving our opinion on many things! A letter will be coming home next week, but to start preparing for it please help your child start considering a collection of 5 of the same kind of objects(5 cars, 5 dolls etc..) In Math we will be reviewing numbers to 40 for our Unit test and moving on to time! In Foundations we will be moving on to vowel teams and r-controlled soon as well, as many of the students are encountering them in their reading! Our space adventures keep soaring on and we are having a blast!

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3/10/2024

Dear First Grade Families,

Friday Folders did not come home as we did a lot of hands-on learning and work that did not have a lot of worksheets to take home! We landed in Space in our first grade space suits(pics soon to come on class dojo)! We started off my learning about the sun and will continue and then heading off to the moon! We will continue our reading groups working on each kiddos individual needs as supported in their leveled group with peers! Books and fluency passages will continue to come home, so please send them back daily. In Math we will be working on numbers up to 40 working on comparing! As we work on these math skills I am always enriching and differentiating the needs of the kiddos! In Foundations we are building sentences with all the glued sounds we have

worked on ank, in, onk, unk, ang, in, on, ung! Lastly in writing we will be finishing up our short "How to Unit" with some writings that the kiddos will switch and a friend will try their How to!

Here are some ways that you can support your child's learning at home:

- Keep opening opportunities to read with your child. **If reading passages come home, please send them back the next day, thank you!**
- Lexia opportunities at home will help increase opportunities for learning-just 15 minutes in the evening!
- Conversations with your child about kind behaviors with all teachers as we have been having a lot of reports outside of the classroom and with UA and recess teachers that a lot of disrespectful words, hands and listening is happening. Sometimes words from home come across as great reminders!

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

3/4/20024

Dear First Grade Families,

We're off to a great start this week after vacation...blasting off into our Space Unit! We will continue our reading groups working on each kiddos individual needs as supported in their leveled group with peers! Books and fluency passages will continue to come home, so please send them back daily. In Math we will be working on numbers up to 40 working on addition and place value. And in Foundations we will continue to add glued sounds and vowel teams into our sentences and word building!

2/16/24

Dear First Grade Families,

Our Great Nonfiction Book is coming home and the kiddos are so excited to share! We started our How to Unit with "Hot to eat a lollipop", what fun they had! And we watched a fun video of a son teaching his dad to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. We talked all about the importance of how our directions to do something have to be clear! This will be a fun unit for them as well. In Math we will wrap up addition and subtraction to 20, and will test on it next week. In Foundations we worked on ang, ing, ong, ung glued sounds which can be ricky to hear those ending sounds.

Here are some ways that you can support your child's learning at home:

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Mrs. Quirk

2/12/24

Dear First Grade Families,

What a great and busy week for the kiddos! We are just about done with our Nonfiction books and they worked so hard on their NWEA testing! Great job Kiddos! This week ahead we will be wrapping up our Nonfiction unit and starting our How to Unit. The students will read lots of How to books, write their own and also follow some of their peers' instructions! We will enjoy Valentine's day with some Valentine related learning games and fun, as well as a valentine exchange party!

Just to let everyone know I will not be in on Monday, I unfortunately threw my lower back out somehow-what a great birthday present to show up! I guess we will see what happens Tuesday? Just when the weather was starting to get warm!

Here are some ways that you can support your child's learning at home:

- Keep opening opportunities to read with your child
- Lexia opportunities at home will help increase opportunities for learning-just 15 minutes in the evening!
- Math Facts are always fun...we are working on doubles like $2+2$, $7+7$...etc
Also addition facts to make 10. w/e work on them in a fun drill game!

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

2/2/24

Dear First Grade Families,

What a fun and busy week for the kiddos! We finished our reading challenge and read 340 books! Thank you for all the support with the book reading at home! We celebrated our 100 days of school with fun activities and learning! We also had a whole school meeting to launch off a month of Kindness-making an opportunity to model and share kindness! As we look ahead we will be having our mid-year NWEA testing on February 6 and 7. We have a fun Valentines Party on the 14th and Vacation the last week of the month!

We will be finishing our Nonfiction animal book this week, they have worked so hard! We will also be wrapping up our unit 6 in Foundations learning how to use plural s in our writing and word work! Math we will continue doubles and making 10, as well as addition and subtraction to 20!

Here are some ways that you can support your child's learning at home:

- Check out some of their work coming home in their folders and see what they are up to that you can connect at home as well.

- Enjoy some nonfiction discussions with your kiddos-they are learning a lot!
- Work on the reading fluency passages that come home during the week!

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

1/26/24

Dear First Grade Families,

Our Reading Challenge is coming close to the end...3 more days! Keep reading those books! In Math we are moving along to addition to 40 and adding double facts! Our Nonfiction books are coming along, the students are working very hard! In reading we will be reading more fluency passages as this is the overall skill we need to work on as seen from our mid-year benchmark assessments. Some kiddos need to gain more whole word reading to increase their fluency, while some others need to read for accuracy!

Here are some ways that you can support your child's learning at home:

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- Enjoy some nonfiction discussions with your kiddos-they are learning a lot!
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Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

1/19/24

Dear First Grade Families,

Our Reading Challenge is going great! Lots of fantastic books are being read. We will not be filling out strips on the weekends and will resume Monday evening! In writing we will be starting our Nonfiction writing books next week with all the great facts the kids have researched on pebblego-the kids are really excited. We will continue reading nonfiction books and learning about what is in a nonfiction book! In math we will be reviewing and testing on place value and number patterns and last we will be working on some mid year benchmarks to see progress in their reading and phonics skills.

Here are some ways that you can support your child's learning at home:

- Check out some of their work coming home in their folders and see what they are up to that you can connect at home as well.
- Enjoy some nonfiction discussions with your kiddos-they are learning a lot!
- Have your child read to you; and then discuss the book-the progress they are making is fantastic!

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

1/16/24

Dear First Grade Families,

With the holiday and a short day because of the snow, it is a short week, but full of learning! We will continue our nonfiction reading and writing activities. We have worked on glued sounds all, am, and an and using them in writing, so we will be wrapping that up! And Math we will be wrapping up our place value and number patterns up to 20.

Here are some ways that you can support your child's learning at home:

- Check out some of their work coming home in their folders and see what they are up to that you can connect at home as well
- Ask your child what nonfiction topic they learned about each day when they come home from school,
- Have your child read to you-the progress they are making is fantastic!

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

1/7\24

Dear First Grade Families,

Happy New Year! Off to Nonfiction we go. This month in Reading, Writing and Science we will become Nonfiction experts. The students will continue reading books at their just right level and rotate in reading groups. We will be learning all about animals and other Nonfiction topics. In Math we are moving on to addition to 20 which includes place value, number patterns and learning to add both vertically and horizontally.

Here are some ways that you can support your child's learning at home:

- Check out some of their work coming home in their folders and see what they are up to that you can connect at home as well
- Ask your child what nonfiction topic they learned about each day when they come home from school,
- Have your child read to you-the progress they are making is fantastic!

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

12/8

Dear First Grade Families,

What a fantastic learning week in first grade! We have a fun new way of learning through reading and the kiddos are loving it. As a first-grade team, we have developed a rotation round where the students visit various work groups to work on their specific needs. We saw great independent work being done as well as skills building their fluency or comprehension! The kids think it is the best because they move every 20 minutes and work on something new! In Math, we are in a fun shape unit, learning all about 2-D and 3-D shapes and using our hands to do a lot of fun activities.

Next week, we will continue to work on our group work and really dive into the understanding of double letter words in Foundations!

Please remember that our Shopping Day will be Thursday! If you have not sent the list back with your child to shop for their families, please do so as soon as you can.

Also Snow gear can be a lot for a kiddo to carry in their backpack. If you could please send them in with a separate usable shopping bag with their gear. It makes it so much easier to carry!

Here are some ways that you can support your child's learning at home:

- Check out some of their work coming home in their folders and see what they are up to that you can connect at home as well
- Shape Hunts are always fun on car rides and such
- Have your child read to you!

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

Dear First Grade Families,

As the week comes to an end and I reflect on all the great work the kiddos are doing, I wanted to share with you! We worked hard on our Math review and will get to our unit test next week before the Thanksgiving break. Our Small moment stories are coming along with details, feelings and who may have been involved in our small moment. Our reading and heart word work has really come along making new groups and using games to reinforce the skills students are working on.

As you saw their heart word or comprehension bags have started coming home! These are words they have mastered and should just be a quick check in a few nights a week. Books, letters, or word checks should also be a quick one. If any of these takes longer than a quick check in then just let me know!

Have a great week and at home I encourage you to continue the reading and asking questions.

Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

Dear First Grade Families,

As the week ahead starts we will be continuing our guided reading groups and the students will bring home their book bags and heart words this week to practice. Some students may have books, others may have some letter and sounds practice as well as others having comprehension and fluency practice. We will also be wrapping up our math chapter with review and our unit test.

Have a great week and at home I encourage you to continue the reading and asking questions.

Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

Dear First Grade Families,

This week we had a blast. The fun run! The students had an opportunity to run as well as cheer on their buddies later in the afternoon. We had some fun doing a digraph scoot to find words and identify the correct list to add to. In Math started fact families and a mix of addition and subtraction.. In writing we started some free writing while also meeting in small groups to start our Small Moment stories!

Here are some ways that you can support your child's learning at home.

- Keep working on the important pieces of reading whether that looks like sounds, letter naming, comprehension and fluency
- Encourage your children to have a writing journal at home to keep writing stories about their days at home and “one small moment” from their weekends
- Addition and Subtraction math fluency will be so important to their math this year. Challenge them with addition and subtraction number sentences in the car or wherever it fits in!

Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

Dear First Grade Families,

This week we had some fun with starting to really understand what a small moment seed story is! We worked on how to describe the beginning using important parts of a sentence! In math we learned who Gus the plus and Linus the minus was in addition and subtraction stories, and what keywords to look for! WE ended the week with some pumpkin and fire safety fun! Next week we will continue our addition stories and work on story mapping!

A few reminders for your kiddos: Please send your child in with at least a sweatshirt daily as the weather changes throughout our day at school! Some of the kiddos get chilly at recess. And if your child wears rain boots please send them in with a pair of sneakers as sitting in the classroom and running at recess is difficult for them.

Here are some ways that you can support your child's learning at home.

- Keep reading with your child! They are really starting to understand the concept of blending and fluency as well as written comprehension for those who are at those levels!
- When out and about making fun addition and subtraction stories using “in all” and “left” help them know the difference between addition and subtraction!
- When you have a chance to ask your child their letter sounds quickly as this is a way to gain decoding skills faster in their reading. We started it this weekend. They love it!

Thank you for your continued support at home!

Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

Dear First Grade Families,

This week in math we worked on addition in number sentences and addition stories. We worked hard in reading groups on our heart words, tapping out sounds and fluency to read smoother! We have used some important parts to build meaningful sentences with describing words and using those to help be more descriptive! Thank you all who have signed up for a parent conference, I look forward to sharing great things with you about your child. If you have not yet signed up, please do soon.

- After working this week on putting the alphabet in order, and with letter sounds I noticed that some kiddos are not solid on these two skills. Checking in with your child and encouraging them at home will also help at school.
- Ask your child to build a sentence including some of these important parts...

A who(person, or animal) , describe their who with a describing word, What are they doing?, and how are they doing it?

Example: The tall cat jumped quickly!

- Challenge your child with addition stories to see if they can verbally listen to the story and seek out the numbers to add

Thank you for your continued support at home!

Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

Dear First Grade Families,

This week in class, we learned all about/reviewed number bonds using part-part-whole. Finding the missing part is more challenging as the students have to start on the smaller number and count up on the number line! We worked on NWEA and continued working in guided reading groups for reading! We also started talking about Small Moments(a small part of an event they were involved in) which will be our writing unit once we have our transcription skills(knowing how all the letters are written) and sentence work so the students can successfully work through a story. PLEASE SEND YOUR HEARTS BACK TUESDAY....I am missing quite a few...thank you very much!

Next week we'll be moving on and learning different ways to add! This will give them the tools to use different ways to add this year! We will be working through our heart and flash words on our sound wall...we have a goal of knowing 109 words to make successful readers more fluent! Our reading bags will keep coming home in the evening to share a book your child has been working on in the classroom. (Please remember just as this week to send back the next morning for classroom use-if your child leave sit home then it will be hard to use in the classroom reading group)-Thank you

Here are some ways that you can support your child's learning at home:

- Ask your child what it means to tap out or map out words! Also ask them to show you how to break upland blend words from their Heggerty Phonics Fun.
- As we start Me on the map, we are learning our address- you can help your child by reminding them of their home address.
- Challenge your child with thinking of two parts to make a whole or one missing part! This gives them an opportunity to remember to count on!

Thank you for your continued support at home!

Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

Dear First Grade Families,

This week in class, we learned all about number patterns and how to start using a numberline with frog jumps! We also introduce number bonds for addition using-part, part, whole. In writing we have started to build sentences with Legos! We have started with who? and do?. Who are we talking about and what they are doing! Just as with reading and the importance of sounds, writing too has to be systematically taught with correct transcription skills(letter formation) before we get into our small moments writing unit. (Be on the lookout for a pink heart paper next week for writing ideas!)

Next week we'll be diving right into our Lexia learning! The students are using a great learning tool that allows them to embark on a journey while learning and applying phonics and reading skills! This tool greatly impacts their learning and really images their love of reading. In Math we will be working in addition with number bonds and enjoying our reading groups in full swing. We also will be taking our reading bags home in the evening to share a book your child has been working on in the classroom. (Please remember just as this week to send back the next morning for classroom use-if your child leave sit home then it will be hard to use in the classroom reading group)-Thank you

Here are some ways that you can support your child's learning at home:

- Help your child to practice their letter sounds-these sounds are so important to their reading and writing success!

- Lexia learning at home is a great way for you to see what it is all about! Please remember your child does not need support with this as it will teach them as they move along and correct their mistakes by providing them “teaching” opportunities before applying the skill again! (I have included the login information in their Friday Folders)
- Challenge your child with counting on! Maybe ask your child some additional questions just to get their math minds thinking as we embark on addition!

NWEA-Next week on Tuesday and Wednesday we will be working on our state testing to have just another helpful tool to see how your child does with reading in math in computer format!

Thank you for your continued support and all the donations from the beginning of the school year and open house. I greatly appreciate all of you.

Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

Dear First Grade Families,

This week in class, we learned about what makes a just right reader. We read books about how writers write, watched videos about apples and bees, and created our own apple rafts. We also started learning about comparing numbers and number patterns using a number line.

Next week, we will continue to work on being a just right reader and understanding what Lexia is. We will also start learning about how to map words and learn what a heart and flash word are.

Please remember that Picture Day is on Thursday the 28th!

Here are some ways that you can support your child's learning at home:

- Help your child to practice their letter sounds-these sounds are so important to their reading and writing success!
- Read to your child-ask lots of questions to check their understanding of the text.
- Have your child read to you!

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

Good afternoon first grade families,

What a fun-filled week in first grade! We started the week learning about apples! A fun and interactive week using mystery science to find out about the biggest apple in the world, and then creating apple trappers ! Look for the pictures of Class Dojo!

We got a new interactive tv board which the kiddos love! we are able to use it for so many tools including rainbow writing for our foundations program!

We Enjoyed some flashlight reading and learning all about how we can have stamina to work hard at our reading jobs. The kids loved having the lights off and doing some fun reading. We also are into our Math chapter which will be some review and then challenge the kiddos with new concepts.

We met our 6th grade buddies who we worked on designing apple rafts which we will build with them next week and share on open house night, Wednesday 5:30-7:00. I hope you all can make it and come explore your child's day in the classroom!

For next week we will continue practicing and reviewing letter sounds and formation to get ready for some sentence fun! Our letter lines and formations practice are coming right along and the students used "Magic Pens" to have fun changing up some writing tools.

For our apple rafts I would love it if I could have some donations of apples for creating this fun challenge. If you could help out with this please send them on Monday with your child, thank you!

Have a great weekend

Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk

Good Afternoon First Grade Families,

What an exciting week in first grade! We are beginning to really make meaningful conversations between our peers which will hopefully turn into friendships that the kiddos can build on throughout the year!

I know the beginning of the year can bring so many new feelings and experiences for the kids as they navigate through the first few weeks, but we are having fun and creating opportunities for relationship building and learning.

This week we had our first STEM challenge and worked together to solve a problem and look for ways to fix it to make it even better! WE also started some mini assessments to get some understanding of where they are coming into first grade and have been reviewing our sounds and letters, as well as math concepts to start us off into first grade fun!

I have attached our schedule just so you may have an idea of what we are doing throughout the day for early dismissal and such. We do have a heavier academic afternoon this year due to our lunch and recess schedule and I know already some early dismissals were of concern for some parents! Our special is the last class of the day which is challenging, I know.

Please don't forget to have your child wear sneakers on PE day and Library books need to come back. Also if your child comes home with a "free" book from the free book shelf it is indeed free because we have a spot in the school now for kids to check it out!

Next week is a full week and we are off to a great start! I have enjoyed getting to know your child and what motivates them to learn, but please feel free to share your child with me and anything you think I may benefit from as we move into the new year.

Warmly,

Mrs. Quirk