1st Grade Classroom Newsletter

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Welcome back from Fall Break, We missed you!

Our Learning This Week:

- **Literacy**
  - **Fundations:** We will complete unit 5 this week, which is a short unit. Students will take the **unit 5 test this Friday!**
    - This unit focuses on welded sounds (-all, -am, -an). These are sounds that work together and can be referred to as welded or "glued" because they are difficult to separate.
    - **Focus words: from, or, have**
      - Using flashcards and practicing the spelling of these words will help your student to prepare for the test.
    - Unit 5 Home Support
  - **Writing:** We will begin our family stories unit. Students will begin by brainstorming and then will complete a short writing describing their families this week.
  - **Journal #7 due Thursday!**
- **Math**
  - We will finish Module 6 this week which further emphasizes the relationship between addition and subtraction- that addition and subtraction are inverse operations.
    - **Module 6 Test: Friday!**
  - Remember, you can logon to the Ed platform online for extra lesson support.
    - Into Math online portal
    - Into Math Parent Help Sheet here
    - Unit 6 Home Letter
- **Science**
  - We will begin our 'Foss Science' unit on sound and light this week. Students will begin learning about what sound is (sound = vibration) and

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how to describe different sounds, focusing on understanding volume and pitch.

Homework:

Monday- 6.5 Represent Addend Unknown Problems with a Visual Model; & Facts: Addition +5

Tuesday- 6.6. Solve Put Together and Take Apart Problems & Facts: Addition +6

Wednesday- 6.7 Solve Addition and Subtraction Problems & Facts: Addition +7

Thursday- Module 6 Review Page & Facts: Addition +8; **Journal #7 Due**

Friday- No homework

Upcoming Events:

Friday, October 24th: Module 6 Math Test

Friday, October 24th: Unit 5 Phonics Test

Thursday, October 30th: Eagle Honors Assembly (11-11:45)

Friday, October 31st: Literacy Parade & Dress Like a Book Character Day

- Dress Like A Book Character Day
    - All students are invited to dress like a book character on Friday, October 31, 2025. Students must identify which book character they are dressing like by having a copy of their book with them. Book characters chosen cannot be violent or scary. No weapons are allowed to be carried. Book character dress must be appropriate for students to remain in all day. Free dress guidelines must be followed.
    - We will have a Literacy Parade in the gym where all of our K-4 students will show their book characters and books to our middle school students. If your child does not dress up as a book character, they can still take part in the literacy parade by showing their favorite book. Our middle school students will actively be looking for different book characters and will be entered into a drawing for identifying the most book characters.
    - Please fill the form below for each child (K-8) that you have at CCA so that we can identify each book character!
    - Dress Like A Book Character Day Form

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Library

This week we will be practicing sending messages with light and and finding books in the library about light and sound.

Technology

This week we have another opportunity to use the small set of robots on loan from the district media library. Students will take turns in rotation groups to experience an age-appropriate coding activity with "Sphero Indi" robots. These robots are controlled by laying down color coded mats that communicate directions to the device. 1st graders not in the rotation group will be practicing keyboard skills with the "Typing Club" website.

Art, Music, and PE with Mrs. MacFarland

Welcome back! This week we will be painting our cave art carvings. We will also be starting our Core Knowledge Music Unit: **Music Can Tell a Story** by studying Sergio Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*.
First Grade Specials Skill Cards will be going home Friday, October 24th. Please look over these and feel free to contact me with any questions.

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