



# Grade One Newsletter

## November 2018

### Reading



We are working on our Word Detectives unit: Strategies for Using High Frequency Words and for Decoding.

Students are learning strategies for figuring out tricky words. They are learning that readers have many different ways to solve words. They can use meaning cues, language structure - AND their knowledge about letters, sounds, spelling patterns and snap words, to solve unknown words. They are also learning how to check their reading by asking themselves these questions as they read:

- Does the word make sense (in the context of the story or the sentence)?
- Does it sound right (in the English language)?
- Does it look right? (Does the word that I say, match the letter sounds that I see?)

We are also formally assessing the students' Independent Reading Levels this month, with Teachers College Running Records.

### Writing



We are working on Writing "How-To" books unit.

The students are learning how to write procedural text. They are thinking about things that they know how to do well - and writing instructional books about them - books that teach others. The students are learning how to write in explicit, clear, sequenced steps - so that their readers can follow their directions.

### Math



We are working on Unit 3 in Go Math. The students are learning strategies for solving addition problems. For example:

- Counting on 1, 2, and 3 to add
- Using doubles facts to help them add
- Using a 10 frame to add 10 and some more

At the very end of the month, we will begin Unit 4 - Subtraction Strategies.

### Social Studies



We are continuing our Passport to Social Studies Program. Students will learn about the people in their families, different generations, and discuss the things they do with their families. Students will also learn what it means to be a part of a community both in school and at home.

### Science



We are continuing the Amplify Science curriculum in our classroom and students will receive enrichment during the Science cluster. During Unit One, students will learn about living things and what they need to survive. Students will learn to live as scientists noticing and studying the world around them.

just a reminder:

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

- November 2-First Fridays and PTA Meeting
- November 6-Election Day No School for students (NO CAMBA/Leadership)
- November 7- National Jeans Day (Wear Jeans)
- November 7- Bingo Night (Come Support the District Band) 6:00pm
- November 12-Veterans Day No School
- November 15-Parent Teacher Conference 12:40-2:40pm, 4:30-7:30pm,  
11:40 Dismissal (NO CAMBA/Leadership)
- November 17- CAMBA Fall Festival
- November 22 and 23 Thanksgiving Recess No School

