



# First Grade News



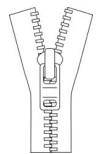
October 2016

**NO SCHOOL MONDAY October 17, 2016 (no students, Staff Workday)**

Language Arts - Thacker/Wood	Math/Science/Social Studies - Walker/Lohrey
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<p><u>Reading</u> We have been increasing our pace of learning with decoding and with more challenging books . We continue to highlight Key Ring words. Keep practicing key ring words at home so that your student can be successful. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Vickers with us who is able to check key ring words each week, and our students are very eager to gain new levels and fresh sets of words!</p> <p><u>Writing</u> We have been making Heart Maps and lists of our favorite things to do as a catalyst for our 'small moments' writing. We have been illustrators, too, as we have created detailed drawings to use as our writing prompts. We will be sharing some of our writing soon at our <b>Pumpkin Palooza</b> at the end of the month. Watch this space!</p>	<p><u>Social Studies:</u> We need items donated for a special "edible" Social Studies project focused on "landforms." Please see the BACK OF THIS NEWSLETTER for a list of items needed!</p> <p><u>Math</u> Unit 3 Math Homework came home with a "Homework Helper" attached to help guide you through the math homework. If your child has difficulty with a particular lesson, wait a day and try again. Sometimes the additional in-class practice will help solidify the skill and allow them to complete homework with more ease. If you have additional questions or concerns, always feel free to ask!</p> <p>We will be starting Rocket Math soon. This includes individualized practice of basic math facts, working with a partner, and setting goals.</p>



Please help your child learn to tie their own shoes, as well as be able to zip and snap clothing. With the change in the weather and seasonal clothing, we need students to become independent with such tasks. *Plus, please remember we go outside for recess twice daily, so dress your child in layers and send them a jacket each day.*



### Upcoming Dates and Announcements

October 7	Late Arrival for Students (11:00)
October 10	PTO Meeting 6:30pm
October 14	Fall Harvest Festival-provided by PTO 5:00-8:00pm
October 17	Teacher Work Day - No Students
October 24	Scholastic Book Fair

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October 25	Parent Teacher Conferences ( <i>Conference sign up info will come home soon</i> ).
October 26	Parent Teacher Conferences
<b>October 28</b>	Halloween/Harvest Parties <i>**We will have a "Pumpkin Palooza" for our party, complete with "orange themed" food items! Also included will be a "writer's celebration" in which parents are invited to join us. Mark your calendars for <b>3:00pm</b>. More info and details coming soon!</i>
October 31	Trick or Treat Night

**We need some donations for an "edible" Social Studies assessment.  
Please send to school by October 14th  
THANK YOU!**

Graham Crackers	1 box of snow cap candy
Small bags of M & M's (Halloween size)	plastic knives
1 container of chocolate icing	paper plates
1 container of Vanilla icing	blue sprinkles
any brand fudge graham cookies  	any brand vanilla wafer cookies  

Please let your child's teacher know if you are donating so we can assess if we have enough items. Thanks for all of your help. We are excited about this edible assessment.