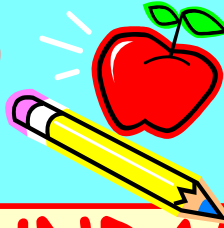


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FIRST GRADE FUNDAMENTALS

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READING:

Big Idea: Nonfiction

Students will:

- Identify main idea and details in a text.
- Identify authors purpose.
- Compare and contrast texts.
- Identify dialogue within a text.

Help Your Child:

- *Ask your child to identify the nonfiction features they've learned inside their book baggy texts.*
- *Work with your child to identify the main idea of a text, using supporting text details.*
- *Ask your child if they think the author wrote the text to persuade, inform, or entertain.*

WRITING:

Big Idea: How can we teach others about animals?

Students will:

- Be getting ready to teach all about what an animal eats, lives, and looks like.
- Plan sections or chapters.
- Make a diagram.
- Use different text features (heading, labeling, diagram/ captions, table of contents)

Help Your Child:

-Using the library and internet, find additional information on your child's animal. Using research, help your child learn further about their animal.

Word Work: Long i, Long o, Long e and vowel teams

MATH:

Big Ideas: Measurement & Data

Students will

- Analyze, compare, and interpret data on a picture graph, bar graph, and table chart.
- Solve problem solving situations using data.

Helping Your Child:

- Categorize items such as food, toys, or sports/equipment, to help create data for charts and/or graphs.
- Work on problem solving skills by reading and interpreting data represented through a bar or picture graph.

SOCIAL STUDIES:

Unit of Study:

Big Ideas:

- What are the responsibilities of a citizen?
- Who are our leaders and how do they help us?
- How can people help the community?
- How can kindness inspire others?

Help your child by:

- Discuss and show pictures to your child of some of our leaders, such as the mayor, governor and president
- Discuss your own responsibilities as an adult with your child.
- Give your child real word scenarios and discuss how they would help as a citizen. For example: If you see garbage on the sidewalk what would you do?

SANFORD HARMONY: Students will collaborate with a buddy up partner to create an individualized partner handshake.

Science: Spinning Earth



ART-Ms. Pecoraro

Big Ideas:

- Why does the sky look different at different times?
- What can we see in the sky at different times?
- Why does the sky look different to people in different places on earth?

Help your child:

- *Take your child to the museum on Natural History and visit the Space Show Exhibit*
- *Discuss family that live over seas and that it is a different time of because of the Earth's rotation.*

MUSIC - MRS. GLEMBOSKI

In 1st Grade Music, we will be learning some spring songs that will help your child discover melodic contour, explore tempo, and identify high and low pitches in musical pieces. Also, students will become more familiar on the xylophones and metallophones in our classroom. Encourage your child to share the songs they have been learning in class with you! Please visit our music website at: <http://mrsglemboskismusicroom.weebly.com/>



Computers - Mr. Caniano

In May, our first graders will begin to use *Microsoft Word* to produce basic compositions. We will be changing the size, font and color of our writing. Please encourage your child to use *Microsoft Word* for added practice at home. Students can also continue to work on their typing skills by using the various websites at Ps221q.org.

First Grade Art

Students will create beautiful flower artworks! Look out for your child/children's awesome Square 1 Art drawing/s....Coming Soon!

Supporting the Arts at Home:

Spring is in the air! Take a trip and go visit a museum or exhibit with your child! Here is a link with great museum resources:

<https://www.timeout.com/new-york-kids/museums/nyc-museums-best-exhibits-for-kids>



Physical Education - Mr. Stewart

This May will be our annual Spring Dance Festival. All families are welcome as our students in PK, K, 1st and 2nd grades will be participating in this event. They have been practicing rhythm, coordination, and teamwork to give you a magnificent performance! This years Dance festival will take place in the gym on Friday May 24th 2019. Notes will be going home to detail the different show times for each grade. A note will also be coming home to collect money for the students Dance Festival T-Shirt. The PS 221 community is so excited for this special day of family, friends and tradition! See you there!

Looking Ahead:

May 6th - Trip to Alley Pond

May 7th - "Earth Day, Every Day"

May 15th - P.S. 221's Science Celebration

May 24th - Dance Festival

May 29th - Trip to Queens Zoo