



# First Grade News Flash

## October 15-19, 2018



### Spelling Words

1. an
2. bad
3. can
4. had
5. cat
6. ran

Please continue to practice spelling other 3 letter words with short vowels. This skill should be mastered before the end of Unit 2.

### English Language Arts

Unit 2 - Lesson 1

Story: *Jack and the Wolf*

Comprehension: Understanding characters

Strategy: Summarize

Phonics: Short a, double final consonants, and ck

Grammar: Complete sentences

Fluency: Expression

Vocabulary: Shades of meaning

### High Frequency Words to Know

**away**  
**every**  
**call**  
**hear**  
**come**  
**said**

Please continue to practice all the words we have learned to date. Our next summative will include all 60 words from Units 1 & 2.

## Math

Focus This Week: Subtraction

- Subtract all or zero
- Show all the ways to take apart a number (ex.:  $3-0=3$ ,  $3-1=2$ ,  $3-2=1$ ,  $3-3=0$ )
- Subtraction from 10 or less

We will complete the formative assessment for chapter 2 this week.

Please continue to focus on facts with +0, +1, +2, -0, -1, -2 to build fluency. Please note: MATH homework should be returned the day after it is assigned. Thank you!

Science - Seasonal Patterns

Social Studies - Second Step: Social/Emotional Curriculum

### Week at a Glance

Monday - Music + P.E.

Tuesday - P.E.  
Bus Evacuation Drill

Wednesday - P.E.

Thursday - Music + P.E.  
**LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE TODAY**

Friday - ITSCO Hot Lunch,  
Library with checkout + P.E.

\*The highlighted resource for the week is assessments. Formative grades make up 25% of each student's grade. Their purpose is to help identify gaps in learning and guide future planning and instruction. Some examples of formative assessments include the mid-chapter math test, weekly spelling, phonics, and comprehension tests, and other classwork. Although we did some re-testing of formative assessments to identify errors due to learning the new technology, the students are now familiar with the online assessment format and will no longer be offered formative retakes.

\*Summative assessments are given at the end of a unit in reading or the end of a chapter in math. Summative assessments make up 75% of each child's quarterly report card grades. These assessments measure mastery of the skills that have been taught for several weeks. Re-assessments are required for all D or F grades, and the most recent score is recorded in PowerSchool. Parents may request one retake per subject, per quarter for A,B, or C grades. Additional homework and reteaching at school is required prior to all retakes to allow students to practice the targeted skill.

\*Please understand that our reading assessments require students to read independently. Successful students have immediate recognition of all sight words and independently read short vowel words. In addition to written homework, these skills should be practiced at home each night. Thank you for everything you do at home to support your child's academic growth!