



# First Grade

## Columbine Elementary School

### What We're Learning!

#### Math

- Compares shapes using common attributes
- Learn the sequence and number of months in a year
- Tells time to the hour and half hour using analog and digital clocks
- Collects data and uses counting and comparing to answer questions and interpret graphs-1M1g (Begin Investigations II, Unit 4)
- Measuring and comparing length, capacity, and weight. Recognizes things that are about

#### Tips for Home Support

Practice saying the sequence of the months of the year. Tell time together using varied clocks and watches (to the hour and half hour). Practice identifying coins and learning their names.

Say numbers directly before or after a number (to 100 or beyond if able)

one inch and one foot (Begin Investigations II, Unit 5)

- Learn the names of coins and their values

**Literacy** - we continue to work on these skills

#### Reading Focus

- Locates facts in informational texts (1LA20)
- Shares opinions about what is heard or read (1LA19)
- Follows the events of plots that accumulate and summarizes (1LA1b)

#### Writing Focus

- Writing in complete sentences, penmanship, capital letters, use of periods (1LA14)-this will be ongoing all year

#### Tips

-Check for understanding: stop to discuss what is happening in the text as you read together

-Retell what is happening in a story you read together following the sequence of events

- Rereads and revises to ensure writing makes sense (1LA11)
- Makes plans for writing (1LA9)
- Creates a written response that shows comprehension of text (1LA5d)

#### Social Studies/Science

##### Japan

Our Japan Study continues through mid-Feb. We have a CU, Boulder student of Japanese presenting two sessions on Japanese culture!

##### Properties of Earth's Materials

Explore different types of Earth's materials that come in different shapes and sizes. Describes how humans use and reuse a variety of Earth's materials.

-Start a rock collection. Look at boulders, rocks, pebbles, and sand/soil. Discuss differences and similarities.

-Share how rocks change over time and how we use and reuse them.

**Thank you for reading with your child at home. We can see their progress in our mid-year assessments!**

#### Reminders:

**-Please be sure to send your child with appropriate clothing for the winter weather.**

**-Please send Friday Folders back to school, every week!**

#### Important Dates

-1st Grade Valentine Parties, Tues., 2/14/12 from 9:50—10:50

-Japan celebration with special snack—Friday, 2/10/12, 1:30—2pm

#### More Important Dates

-First grade Parent Literacy Night, Thursday, 2/16/12 at 5pm

-1st grade Feb. Birthday celebration, Friday, 2/17/12, 1:30—2pm

-No School on President's Day, Monday, 2/20/12 and Teacher Professional Day, 2/21/12

-Bien Educados Assembly—Friday, 2/ 24/12, 2:15-2:45pm

-Parent Teacher Conference Dates: 2/27, 2/29 (more dates in March)

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## BVSD

### Primary Business Address

Your Address Line 2

Your Address Line 3

Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com



## Organization

Your business tag line here.

We're on the Web!

example.com

*This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.*

*It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.*

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## Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is

small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a

biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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