



First Grade

Columbine Elementary School

What We're Learning!

Math

- Identify, describe, represent, and compare geometrical shapes (Finish Investigations II, Unit 2)
- Solving addition & subtraction story problems through reasoning, representation, and communication (Inv. II, Unit 3)
- Using a variety of representations to demonstrate the meaning of story problems and solve them
- Identify, sequence and write numerals to 100
- Counting backward from 30 starting at

Tips for Home Support
Counting practice—"Start counting from 37" or "start counting backwards from 32"

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

accurately represent the

any number in the sequence

- Using counting "on" or "back" to solve add/sub problems

Literacy

Reading Focus

- Monitors own reading and self-corrects to gain understanding of author's message (1LA4)
- Communicates understandings gained from reading (1LA5)
- Reads with fluency and expression(1LA6)

Writing Focus

- Writing in complete sentences, penmanship, capital letters, use of periods

Tips -When reading aloud with your child notice when you "go back and reread" to gain understanding

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

times include product with



(1LA14)-this will be ongoing all year

- Rereads and revises to ensure writing makes sense (1LA11)
- Uses word family patterns to generate words (1LA13c)
- Uses beginning, middle and ending sounds of words (1LA13a)

Science

Balance & Motion

St. 1S6 Describes the basic concepts of balance, position, motion, and force.

Tips-Watch a Cirque Du Soleil or circus movie and notice balance, force, gravity

-Support rereading of the same text multiple times to gain fluency (fluency increases understanding)

-Practice spelling high frequency words

-Brainstorm events for writing topics at school

November, 2011

Thank you for your support with our Halloween parties, the Lantern Walk, and your time with Family Poster sharing!

Reminders:

- Please send a written note about changes in after school routines.
- Please send Friday Folders back to school, every week!
- Please look for our Guided Reading books (homework books) and return them to school ASAP! Teachers check these out from our library in sets.
- We need small treats/ prizes for our carnival booth.

Important Dates

- Columbine Carnival: Thursday, 11/10/11, 5:30-7:30
- Report cards sent home, Friday, 11/18/11
- No School on Veteran's Day, Friday, 11/11/11
- Bien Educados Assembly: Perfect Attendance—Friday, 11/18/11, 8:45 - 9:30 am
- First Grade November Birthday celebration: 11/18/11 , 1:30–2pm
- Thanksgiving Break: 11/21/11 to 11/25/11