



**First Grade Newsletter**  
**November 2010**  
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**Special Events:**

- Nov. 5-10 Book Fair
- Nov. 10 Great American Bake Sale
- Nov. 11 No School - Veterans' Day
- Nov. 12 Report Cards Distributed
- Nov. 22-26 No School for Students (Thanksgiving Holiday)
- Nov. 30 Evening of Sharing

**Language Arts:**

- Letter/Sound/Relationship
- Reinforcement of Correct Formation of D'Nealian Letters, Paying attention to Top Starts.
- Blends and Digraphs
- Comprehension/Unknown Word Strategies
- Word Families
- Guided Reading Groups
- Retelling Stories



**Math:**

- Number Problems
- Problem Solving
- Computation
- Number Sense
- Facts/ Strategies



**Social Studies:**

- Maps & Globes
- Families/
- Economics
- Junior Achievement:  
 Jr. Achievement is a non-profit organization financed by businesses, foundations, and individuals. The specific goal for the first grade is to provide practical information about families and their community.

**Suggested Books:**

- Maps & Globes
- Families
- Communities
- Thanksgiving



**Reminders:**

- Please label any items your child brings to school i.e. (coats, boots, hats, envelopes etc.)
- Please have your child to school on **Time.**  
**School begins at 8:00!!**
- Friday Folders are due back on Monday. Please remember to sign after sharing.
- Without boots, children cannot leave the asphalt at recess due to wet conditions. Make sure your child dresses accordingly.
- Please help your child return his/her library books so that he/she is able to check out a new book each week.
- Encourage your child to exchange their reading club books frequently.



**Healthy Snacks:**

Examples of healthy snacks include: crackers, veggies, fruit roll-ups, granola bars. **No** cupcakes, cookies, pop or candies. No Halloween candy.

**Special Thanks:**

- To parents who helped with the Halloween party.



**Homework:**

- Handwriting
- Encourage your child to read and follow directions.
- Encourage your child to retell stories.
- Review address and phone number with your child.
- Math puzzles
- Family homework
- Reading log



