



First Grade News

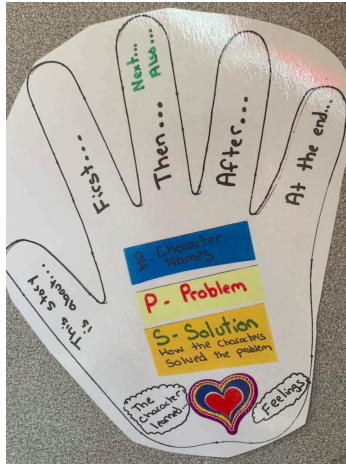


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Reading

This week in Readers Workshop, first graders practiced retelling fiction stories. Readers can use this retelling hand as a tool. They were encouraged to retell the story using the words, "First, Then, After..." When retelling a story, students also need to include the character's names, story problem and solution. Finally, they are working on identifying character feelings as well as the lesson in the book.



Science

This week in science students continued to learn about the parts of a plant and the roles they play in understanding the life cycle. Then we made models to show the different parts of plants, including the stem, roots, and leaves out of different craft materials! We also observed that the grass seeds we planted and hung in our windows are growing!

Social Studies

On Wednesday, we attended a Mitchell School community meeting. Student Council hosted veterans that live in the Needham community and led the school in the Pledge of Allegiance. Fifth grade students shared information about Veteran's Day. First graders also learned about Veterans Day in their classrooms as well. Students and families are invited to attend Needham's Veterans Day ceremony at Memorial Park on Saturday morning.



Fundations

First graders continued Unit 4 of Fundations which focuses on bonus letters (ff, ll, ss) and the glued sound /all/. We continued to practice marking up the bonus letters with a star, and our glued sounds by boxing the letters. We also learned the trick words: I, they, was, one



Math

This week we concluded our unit on Addition and Subtraction word problems. Students write their own story problems based on equations. Students also learned a new game called Number Puzzles, where they had to use the digits 0-9 to complete number sentences.

Number Puzzles Addition and Subtraction Stage 1 Gameboard (1/6)

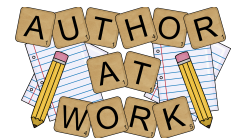
Puzzle 1
Make each equation true. Use number cards 0-9.

$6 = \square + \square$	$6 = \square + \square$
$6 = \square - \square$	$6 = \square - 2$
$6 = \square - \square$	$6 = \square - 1$

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Writing

In writing, first graders continued working on their small moment stories. We studied mentor texts and the students attempted to add craft moves to their writing such as "pop out" words in bold and all caps, ellipses and writing with exact actions.



November 8th - Early Dismissal

November 10th - No School (Veteran's Day)

November 22nd-25th - Thanksgiving recess

December 6th: Early Dismissal



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