



First Grade News



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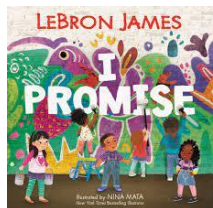
January 5, 2024

Reading

This week in Readers Workshop, first graders learned that when they see a word with double consonants in the middle, they can break that word in half right between those consonants, read each part, then put the parts together. Readers also learned that compound words are made up of two small words put together! To read a compound word, start at the beginning to find the first little word, and then the second one. Then, put them together to read the whole word.



Social Emotional



Since we are almost halfway through the school year and New Year's is often a time of making goals and resolutions, first graders listened and discussed the book *I Promise* by LeBron James. We discussed what a

resolution is and what would be something that they would "promise" to work on for the rest of first grade.

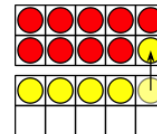
Winter Performance-SAVE THE DATE

First graders have been practicing many different winter themed songs in Music that we would love to perform for families in a special Winter Performance! Families are invited to join us in the Mitchell cafeteria on Friday January 26th at 8:45 a.m. We hope to see you there!

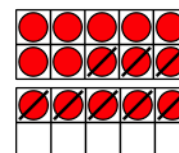


Math

This week first grade students started to subtract within 20. They relied on the relationship between addition and subtraction and the idea of making a ten to do so. Students explored subtraction expressions and missing-addend equations, and used taking-away and counting-on methods to find differences.



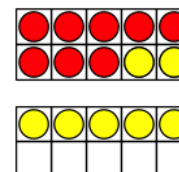
For example, given $15-8$, students may take away 5 to get to 10 and then take away another 3 to find the difference of 7.



$$15-5=10$$

$$10-3=7$$

They may also start with 8 and count on by 2 to get 10, and then add another 5 to reach 15. They see that the difference is 7.



$$8+2=10$$

$$10+5=15$$

$$2+5=7$$

Foundations

In Foundations this week, we launched Unit 7 which focuses on glued sounds. We learned about -ang, -ing,

-ong, and -ung, and practiced drawing a box around the sounds to mark them up.



★ Save the Date ★

January 10th: Early Release. 12:15 dismissal

January 15th: No School. MLK Jr. Day

January 24th: Early Release. 12:15 dismissal

January 26th: Winter Performance. 8:45 a.m.



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