



# First Grade News



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## Reading

We launched nonfiction reading this week. First graders learned that a sneak peek in a nonfiction book helps readers figure out what the book might be about as well as spark their curiosity. Curious readers also pause on every page, look closely, name what they see, and think about all the interesting details. Finally, students learned that asking questions can help nonfiction readers learn even more about a topic. You can ask questions like 'Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?' Then, as you keep reading, you can look for the answers



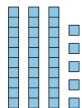
## Writing

First graders started writing nonfiction chapter books! We worked on making chapter titles and a table of contents for our books. First graders also worked on adding more details to their nonfiction chapter books by making comparisons and using examples. First grade is full of expert nonfiction writers!



## Math

This week first graders learned that the two digits a two-digit number represent amounts of tens and ones. They counted collections of objects that did not contain a multiple of 10 and expressed the quantity in a way that made sense to them. To make sense of the digits in two-digit numbers, students used familiar representations such as connecting cubes and base-ten drawings. Students also began to use words such as “\_\_\_ tens \_\_\_ ones.”



35  
tens ones

30 + 5

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## Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 14 is Valentine's Day. Students are invited to participate in an optional valentine exchange in their individual classroom. Valentines can be homemade, or store bought, whatever works for your family! If students choose to participate, the two requirements are:



1. They must make a valentine for every member of the class. Class lists will be sent home.
2. There should be no food attached to valentines due to allergies.

## 100th Day of School

The 100th day of school is coming up on February 5th! First graders will be celebrating the day with fun 100 themed activities at school. We also have a special project for first graders to complete at home—counting a collection of 100 objects! Please check your child's Take Home Folder for additional information. This project is due back on or before Friday February 2nd.



## Winter Performance

Thank you for joining us this morning for the First Grade Winter Performance. We are all so proud of the children's hard work!



February 5th: 100th Day Celebration

February 7th: Early Release 12:15 dismissal

February 14th: Field trip Mr. Popper's Penguins

February 19th-23rd: February Break



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