



First Grade News



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Social Emotional Learning

This week we focused on the Mitchell School expectations of taking care of ourselves, taking care of others and taking care of our school. Students brainstormed important rules for our classroom and school that help us achieve these expectations. In our Second Step SEL curriculum, first graders also learned that our eyes, ears and brain help us to focus. We need to focus to learn. Teachers sent home information for this lesson so students can continue practicing these skills at home.



Reading

This week in reading, we continued to build good habits. Students learned to “do something” when they have finished a story. They can reread their favorite part, reread the whole book, think back over the parts, or retell it to themselves. Students are also reading more and more and keeping track of their reading. Readers have become so engaged and excited to partner read to practice all of these skills.



Social Studies

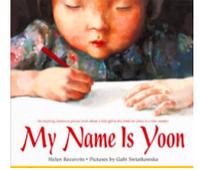
This week in Social Studies, first graders learned about the holiday of Rosh Hashanah. Students learned that Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year, and people often greet each other on this day by saying "Lshannah tovah" which means "for a good year". People may eat apples and bread dipped in honey to represent a sweet new year to come, and may worship at a synagogue. A shofar, an instrument made of a ram's horn, may also be blown.



- September 20th:** Early Release. 12:15 dismissal
- September 20th:** Curriculum Night 7:00-7:30p.m.
- September 25th:** NO SCHOOL Yom Kippur

Racial Literacy

This week, we taught a lesson in our Racial Literacy curriculum. This lesson centered on celebrating the importance of our names. First graders listened to the book *My Name is Yoon* by Helen Ricorvits and created beautiful watercolor pictures to celebrate their names.



Fundations



We kicked off our first Fundations unit this week! Unit 1 is a three week unit and focuses on practicing letter sounds and lowercase letter formation. This week we focused on the letters t, b, f, m, n, i, u, c, and o.

Math

This week in math we launched ST Math and started our first grade journey. Our classroom goal is to complete 80% of the first grade puzzles. We also continued to practice solving addition and subtraction problems by playing different math games.



Curriculum Night

The first grade team is excited to invite all of our first grade families to Curriculum Night next Wednesday, September 20th from 7:00-7:30 pm. Curriculum Night is an **in person event**. Beginning at 7:00, please join your child's teacher in the first grade classroom. Teachers will share important information about the first grade curriculum. It is also a wonderful opportunity to visit your child's classroom and see all of their hard work. We can't wait to see you!



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