



# First Grade News



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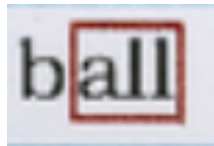
## Reading

This week, first graders learned to pay close attention to the pictures in their books. Sometimes the pictures can tell you more than the words, and it's important to read both. When readers understand their books really well, it can help make their reading sound better. Readers can make their voice match what's happening on the page. Finally, students were encouraged to think about their character's point of view. It helps us to understand the book better when we can imagine what characters see and feel about the things in their world.



## Foundations

First graders began Unit 4 of Foundations which focuses on bonus letters (ff, ll, ss). We learned that if a one-syllable word has a short vowel that is immediately followed by an f, l, or s, then many times the consonant needs to be doubled. The f, l, or s is considered a bonus letter because it is extra - it does not make a sound! We also learned about the -all glued sound that has an unexpected sound: /ol/. First graders had fun spelling words and searching for bonus letters, marking them up with a star and boxing the glued sound -all. We also learned the trick words: *you, your*.



## Writing

In writing, first graders continued working on their small moment stories. We made our characters come alive by adding speech and thought bubbles to our stories. First graders also learned to use words they know to spell new words. Finally, we began to edit our stories, looking to make sure we started each sentence with a capital letter and ended each sentence with punctuation.



## Math

This week we continued our unit on Addition and Subtraction word problems. Students continued to solve all different kinds of story problems and learned the game Capture Squares - Subtraction. Just a reminder that ST Math is a great optional math resource to use at home. Our classroom goal is to have completed 35% of the first grade puzzles by the end of December. Students can view their own progress and can access ST Math with their Clever badges taped inside their home school folders.



## Science

This week in Science we continued learning about plant life cycles. Students planted their own grass seeds to observe the process of a plant growing up close! We will continue to make observations over the next few weeks.



## Cold Weather Reminder

As the temperature gets colder, please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for outside recess. We are also asking that you make sure that your child's clothing is labeled so that we can easily return any missing items. Lastly, if you have not changed the "extra clothes" bag that your child brought in at the beginning of the year from summer clothes to winter clothes, please make sure to do so! Thank you so much!



November 8th - Early Dismissal

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

November 22nd-25th - Thanksgiving recess



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