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 October 2018

**Math**

We will begin Topic 3 in envisions 2.0, titled *Addition facts to 20: Use* *Strategies*. Students will learn multiple strategies for adding to 20. Also, the students will use math to explain why they are right and to talk about the math that others do, too.

**Writer’s Workshop**

We are continuing our first Writer’s Workshop unit of study titled “Small Moments.” Students will learn how to write personal narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use correct sequencing words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure.

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**Dates to Remember**

* October 2nd- 5th- Book Fair Preview Week
* October 4th – Progress Reports Distributed
* October 5th Spirit Wear Day AND

 PTA Family Night 6:30-8:00

* October 9th-12th- Book Fair Purchase Week
* October 11th – Coffee with the Principal 9:00 am in the Media Center
* October 12th- Wear pink for Breast Cancer Awareness
* October 16th- SLT 5 pm; PTA 5:45 pm
* October 19th – Spirit Wear Day
* October 22nd- Pumpkin Decorating Context Begins
* October 26th – College/Greek Wear Day
* October 30th – Pumpkin Decorating Contest Ends
* **October 31th – NO SCHOOL** - **Teacher Workday**

**Science**

In Science, we will finish studying force and motion, which includes push, pull, and magnets.

**Literacy**

We will continue to improve literacy skills with our Shared Reading, Phonics, Interactive Read Aloud, and Reader’s Workshop lessons. The focus of instruction will be on strategies to figure out tricky/unknown words, how to retell a fiction story accurately, how to ask and answer questions about a nonfiction text, how to decode unknown words, how to segment and spell words using knowledge of letter chunks and sounds, and lastly, daily fluency practice to build reading fluency. Keep in mind the goal for first grade students is to fluently read 23 words per minute and read on a Level G or H by January.

**Reminders**

* **Agenda -** Please make sure that you check and sign your child’s agenda book each night.
* **Thursday Folders -** Please check, sign, and return folders as soon as you can.
* **Math HW** – Goes home Monday, return Friday
* **Reading Homework**-Please make sure your child is reading 15-20 minutes a night and write/log in the agendas (Monday – Thursday).
* **Parent Conferences** – Conferences are taking place this month. Make sure you have scheduled one with your child’s teacher.