



# Weekly News from First Grade

4-18-17 to 4-21-17



Math	<p><b>Calendar Routines</b> (Counting the number of days in school, number words, word story problems, using a calendar)</p> <p><b>Unit 5: Identify, Composing, and Partitioning Shapes</b></p> <p>*Distinguish between defining attributes (triangles are closed and 3-sided) versus non-defining attributes (color, orientation, overall size); build and draw shapes to possess defining attributes.</p> <p>*Compose two-dimensional shapes (rectangles, squares, trapezoids, triangles, half-circles, and quarter-circles) or three-dimensional shapes (cubes, right rectangular prisms, right circular cones, and right circular cylinders) to create a composite shape, and compose new shapes from the composite shapes.</p> <p>**Partition circles and rectangles into two and four equal shares, describe the shares using the words "halves, fourths, and quarters," and use the phrases "half of, fourth of, and quarter of." Describe the whole as two of, or four of the shares. Understand for these examples that decomposing into more equal shares creates smaller shares.</p>
Reading Focus	<p><b>Reading Strategy: Comprehension Strategy Focus -</b></p> <p>Students learn how to use the words, illustrations/photographs, and details in a nonfiction text to find answers on a given topic and distinguish between visual information and text.</p>
Word Study	<p>Differences between short and long vowel sounds  Upper and lowercase letters  Blends/Digraphs  Long u vowel patterns (u_e, ue, ew)</p>
Word Wall Words	<p>Review all quarters 1 - 3</p>
Writing Focus	<p>Beginning capital letter  Ending punctuation mark  Spaces between words  "I" by itself is always capitalized  Complete sentences  Adjectives  Paragraph structure- Topic sentence, details, conclusion</p>
Science	<p>Go over Essential Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the layers of the earth? (crust, mantle, core)</li> <li>2. What are the three types of rocks? (sedimentary, igneous, metamorphic)</li> <li>3. What are some characteristics used to describe rocks? (luster, color, texture, weight, hardness)</li> </ol>

Just a quick reminder, our school day begins at 9:05 (9:15 on Wed.). Please have your children here before that time so that they can be ready for the day!

\*Please remember to send a **nutritious, non-messy** snack with your child everyday! **Due to life threatening allergies, it is essential that no products contain tree nuts or peanuts during this time.**

McCarty School "Cool Tool" of this past Week (4-10-17): Flexible Thinking  
Next week's cool tool (4-18-17): Continue Flexible Thinking

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The McCarty PTA is looking for involved parents that might make great additions to the 2017-18 McCarty PTA Executive Committee! The PTA is looking for people to fill the President and Treasurer positions. Next year's PTA can not function without these two key positions- they sign the checks! They need individuals committed to helping our school & students succeed! You don't need any prior experience, just good intentions! If you are interested let them know at [mccartymustangspta@gmail.com](mailto:mccartymustangspta@gmail.com)

Thank you!

**Important Dates:**

April 17- No School (SIP Day)

April 21 - Brookfield Zoo Permission Slip and \$5 due today!

STEAM Fair and Family Night 6:30-8:00

Mother/Son Night Registration Due