



# Weekly News from First Grade

10-3-16 to 10-7-16



Math	<p><b>Calendar Routines</b> (Counting the number of days in school, number words, word story problems, using a calendar)  Practice counting to 120  Addition and subtraction word problems within 20  Fluently add and subtract within 10  Apply properties of operations as strategies to +/-  Understand - as an unknown addend problem.  Relate counting to +/-.</p>
Reading Focus	<p><b>Reading Strategy: Decoding Strategy Focus - Look for chunks you already know ("Chunky Monkey")</b>  Think: If I know <u>at</u> then I know <u>cat</u> and <u>hat</u>.</p> <p>How does mood affect decisions?  How does the main character make decisions and how those decisions impact other characters and events of the story?  How does a character change over time in a story?  Learning routines for Reader's Workshop.</p>
Social Studies	<p><b>Decision Making/Social Skills Unit Essential Questions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the basic emotions?</li> <li>2. What do the basic emotions look like and sound like?</li> <li>3. What steps do you take to control your emotions?</li> </ol>
Word Study	<p>Difference between short and long vowel sounds.  Upper and lowercase letters  Discuss letters, words, sentences  Letter review: V, Y, X, Q</p>
Word Wall Words	<p>she, his, into, sit, but, off</p>
Writing Focus	<p>Finish Narrative Writing (3 sentences)  Predictable pattern books  Nouns (people, places, things) Verbs (action words)  Simple declarative (telling) sentences  Beginning capital letter  Ending punctuation mark  Spaces between words  "I" by itself is always capitalized  Complete sentences</p>

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 (9-26-16): Whole Body Listening.  
Next week's "Cool Tool" will focus on Manners.

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## Important Dates: