

CLASS NEWS

First Grade Friday Post | Week of Jan. 20, 2020

EVENTS

All of January: First Grade leads morning assembly

Jan. 20: MLK Day - no school

Feb. 7: Field Trip to the Exploratorium

Feb. 17-21: Mid-Winter Break

JUST A NOTE

Congratulations to Ms. Gregory's class for leading two weeks of amazing assemblies! We are so proud of our brave, poised, and confident kiddos. Mrs. Devol's class will lead the upcoming two weeks.

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

In **math**, we are studying the meaning of the equal sign to determine if equations involving addition and subtraction are true or false. For example, which of the following equations are true and which are false? $6 = 6$, $7 = 8 - 1$, $5 + 2 = 2 + 5$, $4 + 1 = 5 + 2$. We are also learning that there are many ways to make a number by using equations. For example, $5 + 5 = 10$, $2 + 4 + 4 = 10$, $13 - 3 = 10$.

Our lessons in **reading** and **writing** workshop are going hand-in-hand at the moment, as we both read and write nonfiction books.



In **phonics**, our emphasis is reading all the way across words. For example, we know how to break a word into its beginning, middle, and ending, and have learned common beginnings (blends, digraphs), middles (phonograms), and endings (ing, ed, es, s, er, ers, y). Our phonics expertise helps us decode tricky words like "sticky" (st + ick + y) or "blinked" (bl + ink + ed). Our phonics

mascot, Rasheed the lion, encourages us through this challenging work!

REMINDERS

- ★ Please have your child read and return their book bag books on a regular basis. We have a book shortage due to many unreturned book bags.
- ★ Please return Friday Folders EMPTY on Mondays.
- ★ We're still collecting paper towel rolls and cereal boxes for our science instruments. Thank you!

