



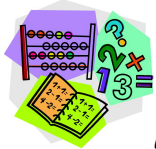
Grade 1 April Newsletter



English Language Arts - We will continue to explore the world of Kevin Henkes with the model curriculum unit entitled, *Author Study: Books in a Series*. The children have enjoyed meeting Chester, Wilson, Lilly, Victor, and Owen so far. Some of the skills that we focus on are character traits, compare/contrast, and story elements or text features. The children will learn about conjunctions (and, or, but, so, because), and verb tense (past, present, future).



Foundations - In Unit 11 we will conclude our work on the concept of vowel-consonant-e words. These are long vowel words with a silent e at the end (cake, ride, pole, tube, Pete). Afterwards, the children will learn when to add the suffix -s and when to add the suffix -es, in Unit 12.



Math - After we wrap up Chapter 10 entitled, *Represent Data*, the children will be given a question, gather data using tally marks, and create a graph to show their results. Chapter 11 is all about geometry. We will: identify and describe three dimensional (3-D) shapes; combine 3-D shapes to build new shapes; use a combined shape to make new shapes; and identify two dimensional (2-D) shapes within a 3-D shape. A 2-D shape is flat, such as a circle, square, rectangle, triangle, hexagon, or rhombus. A 3-D shape has height, width, and depth, such as a cylinder, sphere, cylinder, or pyramid.



Social Studies - We will explore landforms such as continents, oceans, and mountains. We will also discuss the reasons why Passover and Easter are celebrated, as well as the customs and/or traditions that are associated with each holiday.



Science - The children will ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation that people want to change, as part of the engineering domain. Afterwards, they will generate multiple solutions that involve the development of a new tool or object.

Notes and Reminders

- No school Friday, April 14th
- April school vacation begins the week of Monday the 17th.
- Earth Day is on April 22nd.

Thank you,

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