



Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Our first graders have been working so hard this quarter! We have just wrapped up the first quarter and we have a lot to share with you!**

The students have been working very hard during literacy, building upon the skills they learned in kindergarten and learning new ones to improve in their Writing, Reading, Language, Speaking and Listening skills. They have learned how to retell stories using key details, and in a sequential order identify the main idea of a story and find the supporting details in the text. They have also learned about identifying the characters, setting, and major events in stories using key details as they understand and make comparisons and contrast characters in a story.

You can help your student with their reading fluency and comprehension at home by having them read aloud to you each night! Provide comprehension practice by asking them various questions about the books they have read, such as, *Where does the story take place? Who are the main characters? What happened first/last? Why do you think the character did this/that?* You could also have your child retell the story in their own words from the beginning, through the middle, and then at the end.

During math, the students have been working on using addition and subtraction within 20 and using different strategies to solve their answers (number bonds/math mountain, number line, drawing pictures, using the ten frame, part-part whole etc., understanding the equal sign as they determine true/false equations, solve for unknown whole numbers, determine unknown whole numbers and demonstrate an understanding of the commutative and associative properties of addition. Student have also continued to practice writing and counting numbers 0-120.

During science we learned all about Forces and Motion. Students understand that for motion to take place a force have to be used, whether it be push, pull, twist or turn. In Social Studies we learned about Maps and Location). Students enjoyed using Google maps to locate their homes and view the virtual map of their street, school and other places in their communities.

**It has been quite a busy first quarter for our students and we know they will continue to work hard as we begin the second nine weeks of first grade! Thank you for your continued support at home and at school!**