

First Grade April 2021 Newsletter

Announcements

- We did it!! We have officially transitioned from 100% virtual learning to our four day a week concurrent teaching, where some students are face to face and others are virtual. As this experience is so new for us all, we are so excited to continue to learn and adjust together through the rest of the school year. Thank you for your continued support!
- Asynchronous Mondays- every Monday, students should log in at 9:00 to complete their attendance form and begin their asynchronous work. Both can be found on Google Classroom. Mondays are considered mandatory school days. Thank you for your continued support.
- ALL school-issued laptops must be returned to Dogwood on **June 11th**. Laptops will not be kept over the summer. If a student is attending summer school, another laptop will be provided once summer school begins. More details on drop off and collection procedures will be coming soon.

Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, May 31 - Memorial Day - Student Holiday
- Friday, June 11 - Last day of school/students released at 1:30

Language Arts	Language Arts (Home/School Connection)
<p>Reading & Writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Researchers ask questions about a line of interest. ● Researchers use close observation to learn new information. ● Researchers collaborate and discuss their observations and questions. ● Researchers decide what message they want to send. <p>Word Study Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Readers use multiple sources of information to solve, monitor, confirm and self-correct close to the point of error. ● Readers take words apart while reading for meaning. ● Readers demonstrate appropriate rate, phrasing, intonation, pausing, and stress to inform how their reading sounds. <p>PYP Connections- Learner Profile Attributes: inquirer Approaches To Learning: research skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students should be working on Imagine Learning at least 15 minutes every day. ● Read books for 20 minutes every day on Pioneer Valley Literacy Footprints or Myon. ● Share with someone one new thing you learned about researching an animal or another topic. ● Tell someone why it's important to ask a who, what, when, where, why and how question before, during and after reading a nonfiction book. ● Why is it important to add labels to your pictures about your animal/topic?

Math	Math (Home/School Connection)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Demonstrate fluency with addition and subtraction within 10 ● Create and solve single-step story and picture problems using addition and subtraction within 20 ● Demonstrate an understanding of equality through the use of the equal symbol <p>PYP Connections- Learner Profile Attributes: thinker, knowledgeable Approaches To Learning: communication skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students should be working on ST Math at least 15 minutes every day. ● What are 2 ways to make 10? ● Explain the meaning of = to someone ● How many doubles facts can you show using both fingers or "bunny ears?" ● Count by 5s to 50. ● What numbers do you say when you count by 2s to 30?
Science	Science (Home/School Connection)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Investigating and understanding weather and seasonal changes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ a) changes in temperature, light, and precipitation affect plants and animals, including humans; ○ b) there are relationships between daily and seasonal changes; <p>PYP Connections- Learner Profile Attributes: inquirer Approaches To Learning: communication skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tell someone what changes spring brings. ● How have the trees changed in the spring? ● What are the birds in Virginia doing now that it's spring? ● Can you name all four seasons?
Social Studies	Social Studies (Home/School Connection)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Understand the relationship between money and savings ● Understand that geographical features, such as landforms and location, affect how people live <p>PYP Connections- Learner Profile Attributes: communicators Approaches To Learning: communication skills</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Why is it important to save money? ● What is one way that you can earn money? ● Where is a safe place to put your money? ● Tell someone about the kinds of weather we have in Virginia.