

# First Grade News



## Paper Books

This year your child will be bringing home a lot of handmade books that we read at school. If you could find a place to keep them, like a shoe box or large zip-lock bag, then they could practice reading throughout the year. Re-reading books that they know is a great way to improve fluency and work on expression.

## Spelling

We started taking spelling tests this week. There are a number of ways to practice spelling at home without just writing them several times. They can use their finger and write it in the air or on someone's back, type them on the computer, spell them out with letter tiles, play tic-tac-toe using the words and many other ways. Be creative and your child will enjoy it more.

## Nursery Rhymes

We begin our year doing activities around nursery rhymes. This is a great way to provide a variety of learning skills including: oral language, phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary development, fluency, rhyming and comprehension skills. If you have a nursery rhyme book at home, introduce your child to a new rhyme or reread an old one.

## Animated Literacy

We use this program to teach phonemic awareness and phonics. This week we reviewed the letters Pp, Uu, and Oo. We drew and labeled a pop and mom. When you see drawings come home, you will notice that we circle the nouns in our picture. Later we will be drawing arrows from our adjectives to the noun.

Mrs. Anderson's Class

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### Highlights

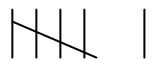
- \* The letter Mm and Oo
- \* Drawing and labeling a mom and pop
- \* Learning about nouns
- \* Roll the Die game
- \* Rock, Paper, Scissors



Reading to and with your child each night is the best way to increase their reading skills.

### Kids

How many tally marks are there?



Draw 12 tally marks.

Quick notes  
Don't forget to sign the planners each night.  
Send a jacket with your child for the mornings.