



First Grade October Newsletter



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Fall has arrived and we all look forward to autumn filled with beautiful colors and sunny days. Each month you will receive a newsletter to keep you informed about first grade.

In **Language Arts** we will continue to *read* basal readers, big books and take home books. We encourage you to *read* at home with your child every day and record the title of the books read in your child's student agenda. Book titles added to the log can be books you read to your child or books your child reads to you. In school we will be *reading* with our third and fourth grade reading buddies. In *writing* we will continue to *write* about ourselves in our personal journals and write fiction stories in our creative writing journals. We will *write* information stories about fall, fire safety and Christopher Columbus. We will work on writing using writing lines, paying close attention to letter formation and the spacing between words.

In **Math** we will explore the meaning of addition through concrete materials. We will problem solve using different skills and strategies. Remember to continue to collect objects for our Hundred's Day Celebration. Today is the 18th day of school. You should have 18 items in your collection as of today.

In **Social Studies** we will be developing a basic concept of time. We will study Christopher Columbus and fire safety. We will use our interactive social studies notebooks to record information.

In **Science** we will continue to observe the weather around us. We will observe clouds and seasonal changes. We will examine autumn leaves and all their different changes. Interactive notebooks we be utilized as we explore science using our five senses.

Book Orders- Each month we will be sending home book order forms for you to purchase books through a class order. You are under no obligation to buy books but if you would like to purchase books, please return the order form by the following Thursday. Please make checks payable to the appropriate book club.

Lunch-- It is easier for students if you place money on their lunch accounts to avoid the possibility of money being lost between home and school or in case your child forgets his/her lunch money at home. If you are repaying a loan for lunch, please pay that separately from your lunch card payment and make it payable to Hayfield Elementary PTA.

Homework-- Remember students need to read or be read to each night. Please write down the title of the book read in the agenda. Please encourage your child to start at the beginning and retell the entire story.

Technology-- Parents, please go to Hayfield's website (<http://www.fcps.edu/HayfieldES/>) to sign up for Blackboard Parent View. You will be able to view newsletters, pictures and first grade special events on this site.

Thank you,
First Grade Teachers

Dates to Remember:

October	8	Return Book Order Forms
October	12	Columbus Day (school closed)
October	15	Fall Pictures
October	16	Hayfield Happening 6:30 p.m.