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1st Grade Bradley International School Newsletter

Fall 2016

1st Grade Classroom Teachers: *Ms. Dougherty, Mrs. English and Mrs. Dines*



Classroom Curriculum

Literacy:

Reading: During the 1st trimester, students participated in reading activities to build and strengthen their comprehension, including sharing key details, describing characters and the setting as well as being able to determine the main idea of the story. They also worked in small groups to develop their reading skills and strategies. As we move into the 2nd trimester, please make sure your child is reading every night for 25-30 minutes, and that you are monitoring their understanding of the story by asking them questions about what they have read. Questions you can ask your child include: What is the story mostly about? Who are the characters in the story? What is your favorite part of the story and why do you like it? and What does the story remind you of?

Writing: During the first half of the year, we are working on conventions, spelling and being able to plan and develop a personal narrative. Students will also be working on expressing their opinion about books or a given topic using supporting details. We will continue to explore these areas of writing as well as other genres.

Math:

This trimester, we have worked on making ten (adding two numbers together); finding the missing addend; counting on to add and subtract; and comparing to subtract. These are key strategies your child needs to understand as we move forward into next units. Upcoming units include: learning facts to ten; place value and word problems. We want students to be fluent in adding two numbers together to make ten (hint: no counting on their fingers). Please make sure you are helping your child complete his/her weekly homework.



PYP – Science and Social Studies:

We really enjoyed our family unit. The students did a wonderful job on their final family projects!! Thank you for bringing in food for the potluck. We are now learning about celebrations from around the world. During this unit, students will explore various religious, cultural and harvest celebrations. We will be doing another project for the celebrations unit. Please look for additional information on the project coming soon. Students are encouraged to pick a celebration representing their family heritage. We ask that they do not research a typical American celebration (e.g. Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, or 4th of July). **PROJECTS ARE REQUIRED.**



How to Support At Home:

Literacy:

Read at least 25-30 minutes a night. Have your child read fiction and nonfiction books! Ask your child to identify the main idea, characters, settings and conflict, or some facts they have learned from their reading. Please practice the first grade sight words and know how to read and write them correctly. Please visit the IReady website for reading practice lessons.

Work on handwriting with your child. Have them write their letters in uppercase and lowercase on handwriting paper. Make sure your child can write legibly. Practice writing simple sentences with your child.

Math:

Practice counting forward, backward and skip counting on a number line or number grid as well as solving addition, subtraction and doubles problems up to and beyond 20. Please visit the i-Ready website for math practice lessons.

PYP:

Discuss your culture, traditions and celebrations with your child. Read books about different cultures and celebrations to help them develop an understanding for the world around them.



Dates to Remember for 1st Grade

- October 25th and 26th – Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00pm
- October 27th and 28th – No School for Students/Teacher Planning Days
- October 31st – Pumpkin Patch Field Trip/Halloween Parties
- November 2nd – Family Literacy Night – 6:00-7:30
- November 4th – No School
- November 8th – Picture Retake Day
- November 14th – End of First Trimester
- November 17th – Thanksgiving Luncheon for families – Reservations Required
- November 18th – 1st Grade Thanksgiving Performance (approximately 2:00 p.m.)
- November 21st – 25th – Thanksgiving Break
- December 22nd - January 6th Winter Break – No School