



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



COMMUNITY



ARTS & PHYSICAL EDUCATION



PYP

Bradley International School Newsletter

Spring 2017

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



Classroom Curriculum

Literacy: Reading

As we move into spring, students will continue to read a variety of texts. They should be able to identify the main idea, use key details from the text when retelling a story and recall important facts from non-fiction texts. Children should be reading **for at least 30 minutes a day** outside of the school day. Please ask them questions about what they read and have them write a retell or share their opinion about the book. Continue to practice the first grade sight words so that your child can read, spell and use all 100 words correctly.

Writing

We will continue to work on opinion writing as well as introduce informative writing to the students through our ocean animal planner. Students will learn how to research and pull key details from texts to support their writing about an ocean animal.

Math

We are still working on addition and subtraction automaticity within 10 and above. Students should be developing strategies for solving problems without having to count on their fingers. A focus for the remainder of the school year is for students to be able to explain their thinking and how they solve a variety of math problems. We will continue to work on place value and solving word problems. We will also introduce geometry and adding more than two numbers with and without regrouping.



PYP

We just completed our maps and globes unit and are now studying oceans and ocean animals. Please remember that, as part of the students' learning, they will be **REQUIRED** to complete an **at-home project** demonstrating their creativity and knowledge by creating a never before discovered ocean creature. If you have questions regarding the project, please let us know.



How to Support At Home

Read at least 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 key details they have learned from their reading. Continue to use the iReady website for reading and math practice.

21st Century Skills – Helping our students develop their 21st century skills is something we're striving for at Bradley. If you have access to a computer (desktop or laptop), please support your child's use of technology by having them practice their typing and mouse skills through programs like Dance Mat Typing, Microsoft Word, or Google Docs.

Testing – Much of our testing is now done on the computer. It's important that students have a set of headphones that fit over their ears comfortably. Also, please talk with your child about the importance of taking their time when they test to answer the questions to the best of their ability. This is a skill that will help them throughout their academic career.



Dates to Remember for 1st Grade

- March 15th – Student-led Conferences (4-7pm)
- March 24th – Ocean Fair & Aquarium Field Trip & Ocean Performance
- March 27 – March 31st – Spring Break
- April 3rd – No School – Teacher Planning Day
- April 15th – PTO Casino & Auction Night at Maggiano's Downtown
- May 30th – School Picnic
- May 31st – Field Day
- June 2nd – Last Day of School – 1/2 Day (8:50am-12:45pm)