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1st Grade Bradley International School Newsletter

Fall 2018

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Classroom Curriculum

- **Literacy (Reading and Writing):**

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 at least 20 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? 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 begin working on expressing their opinions about various topics and books using supporting details. We will continue to explore these areas of writing as well as other genres.

- **Math:**

This trimester, we worked on finding the missing addend; counting on to add and subtract; and compare to subtract. These are key strategies your child needs to understand as we move forward to more complex concepts. Upcoming units include: making ten to add; learning facts beyond 10; and understanding place value and solving word problems. We want students to be fluent in adding and subtracting through 10 and beyond (hint: move on from counting on their fingers). Please make sure you are helping your child complete his/her weekly homework as well as accessing the iReady math lessons at home.



- **PYP/Social Studies/Science:**

We enjoyed our family unit. The students did a wonderful job on their family projects!! It was so great to learn more about each student and their family. Thank you for bringing in food for the potluck. In our current unit of inquiry, *How We Express Ourselves*, we are 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. Students are encouraged to pick a celebration representing their family heritage or a celebration that is not a typical American celebration (e.g. Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, or 4th of July). **PROJECTS ARE REQUIRED.**

Our next unit of inquiry, *Where We Are in Place in Time*, will have first grade delve into the patterns of the Moon, Sun and Stars.



- **How to Support At Home:**

Read for at least 20 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 have your child practice the first grade sight words so he/she knows 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 uppercase and lowercase letters 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 iReady 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

- November 19-23rd - THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO SCHOOL
- December 7th - Early Dismissal – 12:45 pm
- December 13th - PTO meeting
- January 15th – Feb. 15th - DPS School of Choice Enrollment
- December 17th - Last week of 2nd Enrichment
- December 24-January 4th - Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
- January 10th – PTO Meeting
- January 21st – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL
- February 1st – Teacher Planning Day – NO SCHOOL
- February 8th – PTO Spelling Challenge
- February 12th – PTO Meeting
- February 18th – President’s Day – NO SCHOOL
- February 22nd - End of 2nd Trimester