



1st Grade Bradley International School Newsletter

Spring 2019

1st Grade Classroom Teachers: *Miss Dougherty, Mrs. English, 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 at home for at least 20 minutes a 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 the words correctly.

Writing

We will continue to work on opinion writing as well as informative writing during our ocean planner. Students will learn how to research and pull key details from texts to support their writing about oceans and ocean animals. Encourage your child to keep a journal at home.

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 as well as be able to explain their thinking in writing and solve a variety of math problems. We will continue to work on place value, adding more than two numbers and overall number sense.



PYP

We recently concluded our sun, moon and stars unit and are now studying oceans and ocean animals. As part of the students' learning, they are **REQUIRED** to complete an at-home project demonstrating their creativity and knowledge by **creating a never before discovered ocean creature**. Information was sent home. Please let us know if you have any questions. **PROJECTS ARE DUE MONDAY, MARCH 11th**.



How to Support At Home

Read 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 key details they have learned from their reading. Continue to have your child work on their reading and math skills on iReady via clever.com.

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, please support your child's use of technology by having them practice their typing and mouse skills through programs like Dance Mat typing or Micro Soft Word.

Testing – Most testing is now done on the computer. Please make sure your child has a pair of headphones. Also, please speak with your child about taking their time when testing so they can do their best.



Dates to Remember for 1st Grade

- Monday, March 4th- No School (teacher planning)
- Wednesday, March 13th- IB Science and Social Studies Family Night 5-7pm
- Friday, March 15th- Lifetouch Class & Individual Pictures
- Thursday, March 21st - Ocean Performance
- March 25th – 29th – Spring Break
- Friday, April 5th – Early Release (12:45pm)
- Saturday, April 27th – PTO Casino Night DTC Maggiano's

- Monday, April 29th- No school (teacher planning)
- Friday, May 3rd – Early Release (12:45pm)
- Monday, May 27th – No school (Memorial Day)
- Wednesday, May 29th – Field Day
- Thursday, May 31st – Last Day of School Dismissal 12:45pm