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1st Grade Bradley International School Newsletter

Fall 2019

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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 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/Phonics

During the first trimester, students have been working hard to learn their sight words – being able to read and write them correctly. In writing, they have been working on small moment personal narratives focusing on conventions, spelling and being able to plan and develop a story with a clear beginning, middle and end.

Math

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



PYP

Thank you for bringing in food for the potluck. It was wonderful seeing everyone come together and enjoy all of the tasty food. The children did a great job on their celebration projects and had fun learning about various harvest, cultural and religious celebrations.



How to Support At Home

Read for at least 20 minutes a night. Have your child read fiction and even 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. If your child received a handwriting packet at conferences, please make sure to have them practice their penmanship. Practice makes progress.

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 15 - End of First Trimester
- November 21 - Thanksgiving Luncheon
- November 25 - 29 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
- December 6 - First Friday - Early Release
- December 18 - Holiday Musical with Mr. Yaden
- December 23 - January 6 - NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
- January 9 - Science Fair/Cardboard Challenge - All School
- January 20 - NO SCHOOL - MLK Day
- January 23 - 5th Grade Exhibition Presentation
- February 14 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Planning Day
- February 17 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Planning Day
- February 20 - End of 2nd Trimester