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# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Bradley International School Newsletter Spring 2020

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## Classroom Curriculum

### Literacy:

#### Reading

As we move into the final trimester of the year, we will focus on informational/non-fiction texts. Students will be able to identify the main idea and key facts as well as features of a non-fiction text. Students should be reading at home for at least 20-30 minutes a day. Support their comprehension, by asking them questions about what they read. Please continue to review the first grade sight words so that your child can read, spell and use the words correctly.

#### Writing

We will be working on **informational** as well as **opinion** writing over the next few months. Students will learn how to research and pull key details from texts to write an informational piece about an ocean animal. Please continue to work with your child at home on the weekly writing prompt included in the spelling packet.

#### Math

Students will continue to work on addition and subtraction facts up to 20 as well as develop strategies to solve word problems. They will also explore time and money as well as data and geometry.



Thank you for attending the *1<sup>st</sup> Grade Ocean Fair*. It was a huge success and the students had a great time sharing their ocean animal projects. We're headed to the *Downtown Aquarium Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>!!*



### How to Support At Home

**Read 20-30 minutes a night.** Have your child read Fiction and Nonfiction books! Continue to have them work on their reading and math skills on iReady via [clever.com](http://clever.com).

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills** – Helping our students develop their 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Microsoft Word.

**Testing** – Spring iReady testing will take place in early May. Students will take both a reading and math diagnostic assessment. These tests are extremely important, so please take some time to discuss test taking strategies and the importance of taking their time with your child.



### Dates to Remember for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

- March 6<sup>th</sup> – Early Release – 12:45 p.m.
- March 13<sup>th</sup> Downtown Aquarium Field Trip
- March 21<sup>st</sup> – PTO Auction
- March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Spring Break
- April 6<sup>th</sup> – No School – Planning Day
- May 25<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day
- May 29<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of School (1/2 Day)