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Classroom Curriculum

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 30 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

Students will continue to work on opinion writing as well as informative writing during the oceans unit. They 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

Students are still working on addition and subtraction automaticity within 10 and above. They should be developing strategies for solving problems without having to count on their fingers. They should 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.



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We recently concluded our maps and globes 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 will be sent home soon outlining the requirements for the project.



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 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 Microsoft 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

- March 2nd – Early Release – 12:45 p.m.
- March 16th – Ocean Performance
- March 22nd – Student Led Conferences (Mrs. Dines' class will be on 3/14/18 from 4-6 p.m.)
- **Aquarium Field Trip – (End of March prior to Spring Break)**
- **March 26-30th – Spring Break – NO SCHOOL**
- April 2nd – No School – Planning Day
- April 6th – Early Release – 12:45pm
- April 28th – PTO Casino Night & Auction at Maggiano's Downtown
- May 4th – Early Release – 12:45
- May 30th – Field Day
- May 31st – Last Day of School