



First Grade News

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What We're Learning Next Week...

Inquiry into Integrated Literacy

- Did you know elephants can paint? That's what we'll be learning about next week as we read the big book Elephants Can Paint, Too. We will be thinking about what we already know about elephants and what wonders we have, using clues from the story to determine who is telling the story, identifying interesting facts about elephants, and learning about pronouns. At the end of the week, we'll even get to paint like an elephant!

Inquiry into Words Their Way

- Thank you for continuing to do the specified homework for each night and signing the paper in their folder. This paper is checked at the end of the month for completion.

Inquiry into Integrated Math

- Next week we will finish Topic 8 on place value. We will use drawings to solve problems with tens and ones. We will also use tens and ones to make numbers in different ways. We will review Topic 8 and take the Topic 8 assessment at the end of next week.

Inquiry into Transdisciplinary Themes

- Next week we will begin our next Unit of Inquiry, *How We Express Ourselves*, which focuses on the many ways we can be creative. We will also begin our next FOSS unit on Balance and Motion, where students will inquire about what balance is and begin to investigate this by balancing different objects.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 29th-February 2nd
MAP Testing (see back of newsletter)
- February 9th
Spirit Day (wear pink, red or white)
- February 16th
Early dismissal 12:15, Dress down \$1
- February 19th
Snow make-up day/school IS in session

Special Area Schedule

Next week

- Monday (Day 1): Library, Art
- Tuesday (Day 2): Spanish
- Wednesday (Day 3): Gym
- Thursday (Day 4): Music
- Friday (Day 5): Spanish

Week of February 5th

- Monday (Day 6): Gym
- Tuesday (Day 1): Library, Art
- Wednesday (Day 2): Spanish
- Thursday (Day 3): Gym
- Friday (Day 4): Music



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Announcements from Ms. Waninger

- ❖ This week, I tested each child on their reading, using our Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark System. I am SO impressed with how well everyone did and how much each child grew since the fall!! Thank you for all you do for your children and reading with them at home!
- ❖ We will be taking our winter MAP test next week. I'm so excited to see all of the children's progress! Please remind your children to **take their time** and do their very best! ☺
- ❖ We are continuing our Student Treasures class book next week. Please be on the lookout for more information and an order form to come home ☺
- ❖ Each week I will be adding our newsletter to the website. If you go to yorkacademy.com, (click on Academics, Grade 1, Ms. Waninger, Newsletters) you can find all of the newsletters I've sent home since September ☺
- ❖ Thank you for continuing to help your child complete the homework (math and Words Their Way) that comes home each night.
- ❖ Please send a healthy snack with your child each day!

Announcements from YARCS

- Please be reminded that girls should be wearing SOLID colored tights (black, brown, navy or white).
- Students should be wearing predominantly navy, black, brown or white shoes. Thank you for your help with this!
- Please remember to have your child wear tennis shoes on our PE day (Day 3 and 6).
- Please remember to label your child's sweaters, jackets, etc.

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