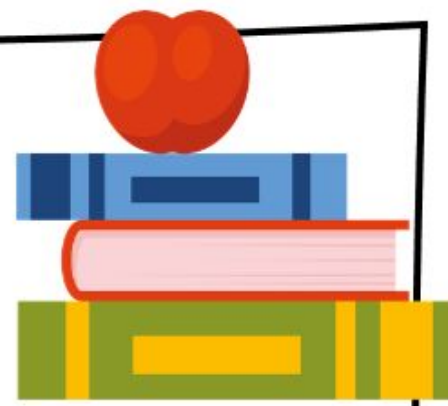


# OUR CLASSROOM newsletter



## NOVEMBER 2024

**Dear First Grade Families,**

November is right around the corner! We've accomplished so much already this year and it is just flying by! I enjoyed meeting with all of you at conferences and sharing your child's achievements and goals. Please don't ever hesitate to contact me if you have questions about your child's work in first grade or want ideas about how to support them.

**Math:** In Math we are working to develop a clear understanding of how to solve a variety of story problems. This includes story problems that put two things together (two addends) and ask for a total (I have 3 cats and 4 fish. How many pets do I have all together?), story problems that take something away, story problems that give one addend and a total, and story problems that give a total and ask for possible addends/partners.

**Reading:** We are continuing our learning of long vowel spelling patterns. Students learned ee (as in jeep) before conferences. We are now learning patterns with MAGIC E, including a\_e (as in rake), i\_e (as in pine), o\_e (as in cone), u\_e (as in tube or cube). We refer to a\_e as "A consonant magic E".

**Science & Animal Experience:** For the last several weeks we have been learning about the superpowers of animals and plants that help them survive in nature. Related to this, we are SUPER excited to announce that on October 31 we will have some VERY special visitors coming to first grade from Prairie Park Nature Center. Our students will have a special afternoon learning about the nature center's animal ambassadors. This will take place at Deerfield and students will get to view and learn about live animals. Please let me know if you have questions!

**Breakfast** is served beginning at 7:35. If you drop your child off and they need breakfast, please remind them to go straight to the cafeteria. They do not need to come to the classroom first.

Ms. Day

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### CALENDAR

Oct. 28-Nov. 1: Bully Prevention/One Kind Word week

Oct. 31: Prairie Park Animal Experience AT DEERFIELD-  
Creatures of the Night! 🦉 🐢 🐸

Nov. 1 & 4: Ms. Day absent

Nov. 25-29: Fall Break-No School

### PRACTICE @ HOME:

*Keep reading those stories and doing the homework! The structure of our reading program allows YOU to have a front row seat to your child's reading development. And it's pretty amazing to watch them get better and better week by week! Everything that gets sent home has already been taught and practiced and getting one more dose of practice at home helps solidify the skills they are learning. Remember to sign and return stories and homework for goldslips!*