

This Week in First Grade

January 13-17

Phonics: This week we will be focusing on the digraphs ch and wh. The ch digraph can come at the beginning or end of a word. The wh digraph only comes at the beginning of a word. Some examples include: check, when and whip. Our sight words for the week are **saw**, **talk** and **walk**. We will test this Friday, January 17th.

Reader's Workshop: We are continuing with our Teamwork unit. We will continue to read the story Pop's Bridge. Using this book, we will focus on the characters, setting and major events. We will also use this story to identify who is telling the story. We will also read How Did They Build That? Using this informational text, we will find the various text features and how they help us locate key facts and information. If time permits, the kiddos will work in teams to build bridges using various materials.

Writer's Workshop: We will continue with our Personal Narrative unit. We will brainstorm and record small moment ideas. We will look at the difference between writing about a big idea (a snow day) and a small moment (sledding down the hill). We will zoom in on that small moment and tell our story across our fingers.

Math: Our mathematicians are learning addition and subtraction strategies. We are working on Counting On, Counting Back, and Make a 10. We will continue to work on Make a Ten this week.

Science: We will continue with our Germs unit. We will write rules for how to stop spreading germs in and out of the classroom. Students will create a poster using these rules. We will also discuss proper hand washing.