

THIS WEEK IN FIRST GRADE

October 28-November 1

Phonics: This week we are reading and spelling words with -ff, -ll, -ss, and -zz. The letters l, s, f and z are almost always doubled when they come at the end of a one syllable word with one short vowel. Some examples include hill, loss, buzz, and puff. Our sight words for this week are *from*, *try* and *why*. We will test on Friday, November 1st.

Reader's Workshop: We will continue to become a community of learners. Our awesome readers will read the story The Relatives Came. Using this story we will focus on the characters, setting, and major events using key details in the text. We will fill out a story map/graphic organizer. We will also read the story The Ugly Pumpkin. The students will get a chance to create their own ugly pumpkin using construction paper. They will also describe their ugly pumpkin.

Writer's Workshop: We will begin our How-To unit. We will take a look at various How-To books and videos. We will then come up with list of things that our students know how to do, such as tying their shoes, making cookies, playing a particular game, etc. We will focus on generating a list of materials needed for our class how to. The students will choose to write their own how to and create the list of materials or ingredients needed.

Math: Our mathematicians will continue to build numbers using place value. We will discuss various ways to make numbers. For example: 43 can be composed of 4 tens and 3 ones or 2 tens and 23 ones. Our kiddos will use place value blocks and connecting cubes to model the various ways to represent numbers. We will work on understanding the meaning of the equal sign. Examples: $7=7$, $2+6=7+1$, $5+5=8+2$.

Science: Our scientists will continue with our Insects unit. Students will use models of different types of insect mouth parts to observe how they can eat various of types of food.