

This Week in First Grade

December 9-13

Phonics: This week our focus will be on reading and spelling words with –ank, –ink, –onk, and –unk (glued sounds). The nasal sound of the “n” distorts the vowel sound. These letter combinations are read as chunks. They are very closely glued together. Some examples include: tank, pink, honk and trunk. Our sight words this week are also, most and too. We will test this Friday, December 13th.

Reader’s Workshop: Our readers will compare and contrast the adventures and experiences with The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza and The Little Red Hen. Our awesome readers will read The Crayon Box That Talked. Using this book, the students will demonstrate an understanding of the central message.

Writer’s Workshop: Our authors will publish their How-to’s. We will begin our Personal Narrative unit. We will introduce the kids to the term “small moments”. They will take an event from their life and expand on it using details. They will also take their small moment and stretch it across 5 fingers. Our authors will then take their ideas and transfer it into their writer’s notebook.

Math: Our mathematicians will continue to learn addition and subtraction strategies. We will focus on Count on and Count back 2. We will balance equations and practice the commutative property ($5+2=7$, $2+5=7$) A list of addition and subtraction strategies can be found in section 3 of the binder.

Science: We will begin our Germs unit in Science. Our scientists will learn how germs can spread and how we can prevent them on our bodies.