



First Grade Falcons

March 1, 2013

Spring is in the Air

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the spring semester here at Bliss Elementary. This year just seems to be flying by. Our first graders have been hard at work and enjoying the warmer weather. Spring break is right around the corner!

Sincerely,

The First Grade Team

What We're Learning This Month:

Math: We will continue to analyze characteristics and values of pennies, nickels, dimes, and we will add the quarter and dollar. We will explore various strategies to solve subtraction and addition word problems. We will study place value up to 99. We will take a closer look at studying number lines and comparing and ordering numbers. We will also practice writing word problems.

Language Arts: We will identify elements found within stories including characters, setting, and problem/resolution. We will explore various genres in reading including: fiction, nonfiction, folktales, biographies, and expository texts. We will identify nouns, pronouns, verbs, prepositions, and adjectives in sentences. We will begin identifying subjects and predicates as well. We will compose information writing and letters.

Science: We will explore weather, properties of soil, plant life cycle and parts, and living and nonliving things.

Social Studies: We will continue to develop map skills including identifying our state of Texas on a map and its capital and our current city. We will also identify Texas state history with a focus on key figures such as Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin. We will identify state symbols: state flower, attributes of the state flag, state song, etc.

Upcoming Dates

3/7 Falcon of the Month presentation, 8:15am

3/9 Daylight Savings

It's time to spring forward! Turn your clocks one hour ahead.

3/10-3/14 Spring Break

Students return to school on Monday, March 17h.

3/19 Welcome **Wednesday**

Join your child for breakfast and/or lunch!

3/20 Family Night and PTA meeting, 6pm: 1st Grade will perform!

3/21 Coffee with the principal, 9:00am

3/21 Early Dismissal at 12:15pm

3/25 Spring Pictures

Students may wear spring colors. Be sure to abide by the dress code policy.

3/27 Dress Up Day for \$1.00

Wear a lucky shirt!

3/28 Box top collection

Turn in your box tops, milk caps, and Labels for Education items!

First Grade Vocabulary:

Do you ever look at your child's homework and struggle to remember some of the math and language arts terms? Here's a review sheet to help you!

Math:

Decompose—break a number into tens and ones.

Rod—represents the tens place

unit—represents the ones place in numbers

number sentence—an addition or subtraction sentence

standard form—writing a number in its most common form, for example: 22

expanded form—decomposing a number by identifying its values for tens and ones, for example: $22 = 20 + 2$

Subitizing—the skill of identifying groups of numbers up to 10 instantly

Language Arts:

noun—a person place or thing

pronoun—a word that takes the place of a noun

singular pronouns—nouns that represent one person, place, or thing

plural pronouns—nouns that represent more than one person, place, thing

subject—tells who or what a sentence is about

predicate— tells what the subject is doing in a sentence