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# The 1st Grade eLc Galaxy



#### Skills to practice at home:

- ⇒ Help your child learn to identify visually and know the value of coins.
- ⇒ Give your child 4-5 numbers between 10 and 100 and have him/her put them in order from least to greatest OR greatest to least.
- ⇒ After reading a fiction book with your child, ask, "What do you know about (character)? What words does the author use to show you?
- ⇒ While reading a nonfiction book with your child, ask, "What new information did you learn from the captions?"
- ⇒ Compare numbers using the terminology "greater than" "less than" and "equal to".
- ⇒ Discuss ways to be Safe, On Task, Always Respectful, and Responsible

## What's Going on in eLc

# **Opinion Writing**

This week students conducted a taste test of three varieties of Oreo cookies and each student chose his/her favorite. Then the students outlined their writing with an introductory opinion statement, their three reasons, and a concluding sentence.

### Famous Americans

This week we researched Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin. Students learned that both men were inventors as well as statesmen. Many of Ben Franklin's inventions are still in use (in some form) today. We learned that Thomas Jefferson worked for 17 days writing the Declaration of Independence so he could get his thoughts into just the right words. A question students had was "Why was Ben Franklin not president?" Using our timeline, the students figured out that Mr. Franklin was in his 80's by the time we elected our first president!

Next week we will fast forward in time to discuss Abraham Lincoln, Rosa Parks, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Each time we discuss a famous American, we put important information on our timeline. This helps students visually understand who was and was not living in the same time period, We will conclude our famous American unit the next week with research in the media center.

#### **Mark Your Calendar!**

# February 2017

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Feb. 17—Half Day for students

Feb. 24—"Suessical, Jr." and FLE Foundation Auction –RNE Auditorium

Feb. 24—Class group picture day (Wear your uniform!)

March 2017									
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March 2—Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America Day

March 21-End of the 3rd nine weeks

March 21—Spring individual pictures

March 20—24 Scholastic Book Fair

March 31—Report cards are issued

# PENCILS ONLY, PLEASE!

Make sure your child uses a pencil for homework assignments! First graders make lots of mistakes and they need to erase instead of scratch out! Thanks!

#### Tissues, please!

It is that time of year! We are going through a 1 1/2 boxes of tissue a week! If your child's

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name begins with a letter A – K, please send a box of tissue if you can! (Due to lack of storage, I don't want everyone to send one now! I will get M—Z to donate when we run out!

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