

NEWS FROM...

The 1st Grade eLc Galaxy

September 30, 2016

Skills to practice at home:

- ⇒ Counting forwards from a given number. Play a game asking your child to count to a number (like 50 or 100) from a random number. "Count to 50 starting from 26." Also practice counting BACKWARDS—first start at 25, then increase the start number. This skill is helpful for subtraction.
- ⇒ After reading a fiction book with your child, ask about the characters, the setting, and the problem of the story.
- ⇒ Practice doubles facts through $10+10$. Also practice "doubles plus one facts" like $3+4=7$
- ⇒ Counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. If your child can easily count these ways, start on a different number: 2, 7, 12, 17... or 32, 42, 52...
- ⇒ Discuss ways to be Safe, On Task, Always Respectful, and Responsible

This Week in eLc....

- ◆ We learned the spelling strategy of looking for words that sound similar to the one you are wanting to spell. For example, if I can't spell "bright", but I see the word "light" on the Word Wall, then all I have to do is change the beginning sound!
- ◆ We learned where to use capital letters in our writing. Correctly using capital letters show important words like the names of people and places, months, days, holidays and the letter 'I' by itself. We also reviewed that there should be a capital letter at the beginning of each sentence, which makes our writing easier to read!
- ◆ We continued investigating with light and shadows. We searched for items in the classroom that were TRANSPARENT, TRANSLUCENT, or OPAQUE. We also learned through investigations that some objects REFLECT the light, and water REFRACTS the light.
- ◆ In math, we learned that subtraction is the opposite of addition, and sometimes we can more easily use an addition problem to solve a subtraction problem.
- ◆ We concluded our unit on author Kevin Henkes by analyzing the personality and physical traits of the characters. We learned that an author tells about a character's personality through what he/she says, does, and thinks.



Mark Your Calendar!

October 2016

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Oct. 3—7 Scholastic Book Fair

Oct. 6—NASA Night

Oct. 7—Grandparents' Day 9:00—10:00

Oct. 13—Half Day

Oct. 14—Student Holiday

Oct. 19—Individual student pictures

Oct. 21—First grade eLc to Saluda Shoals

Oct. 10—25 Cookie Sale

November 2016

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Nov. 8—Election Day—No School

Nov. 21—Cookie Dough sale pick up

Nov. 23—25 Thanksgiving Break

Grandparents' Day:

We hope that your child's grandparents can join us on Friday, Oct. 7 from 9—10:00! There will be a separate email coming home concerning Grandparents' Day for requests for light, healthy snacks and other information!

Saluda Shoals permission slip and \$11 are due next Fri., Oct. 7th!

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