This week, we are learning...

**Math**

Working with Addition and Subtraction Equations

We will focus on the following concepts in our NEW math unit:

- Finding Unknown Numbers
- True or False Equations
- Word Problems with 3 Addends

As a reminder, please practice Mad Dog Math facts for mastery.

**Science**

Students have enjoyed building circuits and experimenting with conductors/insulators during our electricity unit.

This week, we will be learning about Thomas Edison and students will understand electrical safety procedures.

**Vocabulary to Review**

- Current electricity
- Static electricity
- Conductor
- Insulator
- Thomas Edison

**Reading Skills**

Students will move on to their new grade-level reader, The Green Fern Zoo. This week, they will be focusing on words containing **er/er**.

Students will also be working on forming contractions (Ex: he’s, here’s let’s). Please encourage your child to reread the passages from The Green Fern Zoo that will be sent home periodically. First graders are understanding that comprehension is equally as important as decoding. Ask your child to retell the story after reading, including the characters, setting, and plot. Thank you for your support at home!

**Writing**

In writing, we are working on responding to comprehension questions in complete sentences. Students should be using capitalization and punctuation in their writing without prompting.

**Spelling**

Test on 1/19/18

- fern
- verb
- herd
- crawl
- boil
- mouth
- park
- draw

**Listening and Learning**

We have enjoyed learning about Ancient Maya through following the journey of a Maya family in our read-alouds. We are broadening our knowledge of the world map by locating key places from our stories. We will continue our Ancient Maya studies and begin learning about the Aztecs.

**Important Dates:**

1/15 NO SCHOOL MLK Day
1/16 February lunch orders due
1/17 SOM Assembly @ 9:45
1/19 1st Grade Birthdays 1:00-1:20
1/22 NO SCHOOL Staff In-Service
1/23 SOM Lunch
1/24 & 1/25 PTC (11:30 Dismissal)
1/24 Field Trip $ and slips due
1/29 Screen Free Kick Off
1/31 100th Day of School

**REMINDER**

There is no hot lunch for first grade on 12/20. Students will need a sack lunch.
Sayings and Phrase:
“The more the merrier”

Courage:
Is doing what is right in the face of fear; finding the strength to venture and persevere.

Our Bodyology field trip is coming up next month on 2/9. Permission slips have been sent home. Please return the signed slip and $6.50 to your child’s teacher by 1/24.

Core Knowledge is #1!
We get it done with fun!!
Hands-on, right on! Integrated Science, Social Studies, Math, and Language Arts!

Conferences
Don’t forget to check your email for an invite from Sign Up Genius to schedule your parent-teacher conference. We are asking that you sign up by 1/17, at the latest. The conference schedule allows for one conference per child. Conferences are on the half days of 1/24 and 1/25. We look forward to meeting with you again!

Glendale White Dove Thrift Shoppe
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The White Dove Shoppe has racks of donated Dennis uniforms to purchase. This is a wonderful resource for adding to your child’s uniform collection. We also encourage you to donate your gently used uniforms there, as all proceeds go to Hospice of the Valley. Please remember to check all items to ensure they follow

Jackets

As the weather is becoming much cooler, students are bringing their jackets more places on campus. Please check lost-n-found for any missing jackets.

Remember that only solid navy, white, or red jackets/sweaters with no logos may be worn inside the classroom. These jackets do not have to be Dennis. Thank you!