

First Grade Adventure Guide

October 10, 2022

Fundations: This week we will continue to practice all of our digraphs with a focus on the digraph "ck". This digraph should only be used at the end of word (or syllable) and follows a short vowel. Examples: rock, luck, quick, back. Continue to work through Week 2 of your Home Support Pack. Trick words: **or** and **for**

Reading: As we work to read more and more, we will need strategies to help us when we get stuck on a word. Instead of freezing or begging for help, we can check the picture and look at *all* parts of a word. Be sure to start on the left side of the word, but don't stop at the beginning sound! Say each sound and blend them together. Is there an ending on a word that you already know? While thinking about a tricky word we should also think about what would make sense. What's going on in the story? If the word you are thinking of doesn't match what's going on, look at the parts again. Continue to practice the skill of retelling. After your child reads a book or read one to him/her, work together to tell the most important events from the beginning, middle and end.

Writing: We are working hard to gather information to tell about a photo or illustration and we want others to enjoy our writing too! If we want others to be able to read our writing, we need to write down *ALL* the sounds in the word. We can tap the sounds in our words just like Fundations. The more sounds we hear and write, the easier to read! Give your child a word, can he/she tell the beginning, middle and end sounds? We can work to use details to tell more!

Math: In Topic 2, we will learn and practice specific strategies for addition and subtraction equations. This week, we will learn and practice doubles facts! 1+1, 2+2, 3+3, etc are doubles facts. If we can learn these facts readily, we will improve our fact fluency! Please consider making and practicing doubles flashcards (1+1, 2+2... up to 10+10) to help us with our speed and accuracy! Once we know our doubles facts we can look for facts that are close to those doubles. 5+6 is close to 5+5 with 1 extra. 4+5 is close to 5+5 with 1 less.

The Doubles Rap

It's the Doubles Rap,
come on, let's go!

0+0=0	Oh!
1+1=2	Oooh!
2+2=4	More!
3+3=6	Kicks!
4+4=8	That's Great!
5+5=10	Again!
6+6=12	Hug Yourself!
7+7=14	Let's Lean!
8+8=16	Driving Machine!
9+9=18	Jellybean!
10+10=20	That's Plenty!

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Social Studies: It is Fire Prevention Week. We can help to prevent fires by identifying things that are unsafe and have potential to start a fire. These should be handled by adults. We will also review what to do in case of a fire emergency. Review how to call 911 with your child in case of an emergency. Be sure to review fire safety at home as well as your family's plan should a fire occur.



Reminders: (please see the back)

If you need to reach me by email, please contact me at ehavel@scsmustangs.org or send me a Remind message. Our class website is whitney1h.weebly.com

Reminders:

- This week is white. We have art class this week.
- If you **still have** your **September Reading Log** (calendar), filled out, please send it back (if not sent back on Monday). I like to add these up so the students can see how much reading they are doing!
- This Thursday's Spirit Day is Stuffed Animal Day! Students may bring a stuffed animal to school.
- There is no school this Friday, October 14th.
- The second night of conferences will be held the evening of Wednesday, October 12th. Please use the link for the sign up genius to check or sign up for a time.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4ca9ab2ca7fa7-fall2>

Repeat items:

- Green folders should come every afternoon and be returned to school each morning (even if they are empty).
- Reading logs (calendar format) will be checked each Monday. Students with marked logs receive a sticker and green dojo for the week. If you forget, please send the next day.
- Library books are due back each Thursday. Please remember your book so that you can get a new one!
- If you have not completed your school forms via your child's PASS account, please log in and do so. It is called the 2022-2023 Update. If you need your PASS account information, please contact the office.
- Please see Mrs. Hawk's newsletter for a link to join PTA. You do not have to attend meetings to be a member. They would love to have your support!
- Water bottles are allowed during the day but should be completely closeable (screw on lid). *Please do not send juice or soda, unless it's to be taken to lunch.*
- Your student may bring a **snack** to eat in the morning during breakfast. Please pack his/her snack separate from his/her lunch to save time digging through lunches! He/she should be able to manage the snack on his/her own. Thank you!
- Your child should be practicing his/her **student ID** number.
- Take some time to practice **shoe tying** with your first grader if needed.