

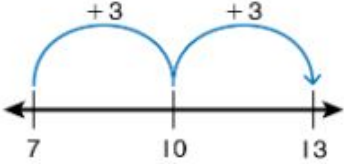


**Fundations:** We will continue to work on the bonus letters of f, l, and s. Our rule is that words with a short vowel get a bonus letter at the end (hill, mess, puff). We will also learn the sound of /all/ as the letter a does not keep its normal short sound when followed by a bonus letter l. Trick words this week are: **I, they, was, one, said** Please work on activities and dictation in your Home Support Pack.

**Reading:** As Trimester One comes to an end, students will be working to practice and show what they have learned using good reading habits. Students should be able to ask questions before and during reading. The questions should relate to the story. We try to answer the questions as we read (although every question does not get answered). After reading we can retell the characters, setting, beginning, middle and end. Students can learn a lesson from the story that can be applied to their own lives. Ask your child to practice some of these things after reading or listening to a story at home. Ask him/her questions about specific details from the story.

**Writing:** Last week we worked to plan out our first small moment story with pictures. This is a true story about an event that happened. Now we can take our plan and turn it into a written story! As we look at each part, we can think of a sentence (or sentences) to tell what happened. We will tap and stretch out words to write them using sounds we know. We will use what we have learned about sentences to plan and write with proper sentence structure. As we finish a story, we plan and write another!

**Math:** In Topic 2, we practiced addition and subtraction strategies up to 10. In Topic 3, we will focus on developing addition strategies up to the sum of 20. We can once again use the counting on strategy. When working with larger numbers, we can use a number line to support accurate counting up. We count each space on a number line to add up or try an open number line to break apart the number we are adding. Instead of  $7+6$ , I can start at 7 and hop up 3 To make 10. Then I hope up 3 more.  $10+3=13$  so  $7+6=13$ .



Note: While we will explore this strategy, using an open number line will not be required on an assessment.

**Social Studies:** We have already learned how we can use our P.R.I.D.E. to be good citizens at school, but this week we will find out what it means to be a good citizen in the larger world! Good citizens follow the rules and show respect. Talk about rules you have at home, at school and out in our community. Citizens have rights and responsibilities. They make good decisions and work to solve problems. We will also learn about leaders. Who are the leaders of our school? City? State? Country? We will also discuss the importance of Election Day and voting. We will have our own classroom vote using our GoNoodle Champs!

Reminders: (please see the back)

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#### Reminders:

- Friday's spirit day is Tie-Dye!!
- Breakfast with a Buddy will take place the mornings of November 2-4.
- There is no school on Tuesday, November 8th for Election Day!
- Picture Retakes will be on November 9th. If you would like your child's picture retaken, please send back the original picture package. If your child was not here for picture day or is a new student, his/her picture will be taken even if you choose not to order.
- The first trimester ends on November 11. Report cards will be available online the following week.

#### 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!
- 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.