



First Grade Focus



October 9, 2015

Highlights:

- Starting *Foundations* (a handwriting, spelling and literacy program) being implemented in K-2nd grades
- Math- Number formation, solving word problem, addition, subitizing (quick recall) numbers to 10 using 10's frames.
- Learning about Autumn and observing the changes happening all around us
- Using scientific writing and drawing to document changes we see in the garden

Poem

- Each month first graders will be learning and memorizing a poem to recite to the class. Our first poem is called, *Apples in Autumn* by Betsy Franco. A copy to practice with your child will go home on Monday.

Reminder:

If there is a change of plans for the end of the school day, please send a note or call the office before 2:30.

Field Trip to VINS

On Friday, October 30th we will be going to VINS for a field trip. Rain or shine we will leave at 9:45 and return by 2:00. Your child will need a snack, lunch and drink (no glass containers). We will be outside the entire time, so warm clothes, layers and comfortable shoes for hiking are needed. We are looking for 2 chaperones from each of the first grade classrooms. If you are available, please let me know by note or email if you are able to attend.

Date to Remember

- Monday, October 12th - **No School** - Columbus Day/Teacher In-Service
- Friday, October 30th - Field Trip to VINS

Have a wonderful fall weekend!
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