



Mrs. Kuntz's First Grade Newsletter

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This Week's Accomplishments

"All children must achieve a good grasp of literacy and basic skills early on as the foundation for learning throughout life."

By A.C.Grayling

"Sight is the foundation of all knowing, for we observe and draw conclusions from what we observe. Those observations lead to further speculation, and we add to our knowledge..."

By Paracelsus

*Our word of the week was: **"Citizenship"**- (behaving in a responsible manner as a citizen of a community)."

"The challenge of the 21st Century is to bring together parents, the early childhood community, and schools so that every child acquires the foundation necessary to succeed in school and in life." *By Mary Jean LeTendre*

*In reading, we read the stories from the genre: realistic fiction: **"An Egg Is an Egg"** and **"Nothing Fits"**. The reading skills we learned are: vowels sounds of 'y' making long 'i' and long 'e', comprehension—compare and contrast, long vowels, high frequency words, long 'e' and 'ee', syllables review, research and study skills—ABC order, and took the OCCT Weekly Selection Test.

*Super Sounder introduced: **Short "e"** and took a test over the short 'e'.

*In math, we learned about data and graphs, bar graphs, range and mode, problem solving, and took the Chapter 12 test.

*In science, we began our study about Weather, Seasons and Space.

*In social studies, we began our study about Our Earth's Resources.

*In writing, we wrote a letter to the Student of the Week and wrote stories using the spelling words. .

"However well organized the foundations of life may be, life must always be full of risks."

By Havelock Ellis

Let's Look At Next Week

Spelling Words: bring, trunk, pink, bank, sang, wing, rink, blank, rang, sunk, every, sure

Spelling Bonus: Word family: "un"

(run, sun, bun, fun, gun, stun, spun, nun)

*In reading, we will read from the genre: animal fantasy: **"Ruby in Her Own Time"** and **"I'm Growing"**. We will learn about final 'ng' and 'nk', comprehension—plot, compound words, high frequency words, sounds of 'y', and long vowels (consonant/vowel) review, research and study skills—glossary, and take the OCCT Weekly Selection Test

*Super Sounder will introduce: **Long 'a'**.

*In science, we will continue our study of the Weather, Seasons and Space.

In social studies, we will continue our study on Our Earth's Resources.

*In writing, we will be making up our own stories using the spelling words and bonus words. Please practice writing stories using the spelling words at home. Be sure that they have titles for their stories.

*In math, we will learn about place value and number patterns. We will write numbers through 100, write to 100 by counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's and relate them to the patterns on a hundred's chart.

*Our next week's word of the week will be:

"Flexibility" (ability to make adjustments or alter plans.

Student Of The Week!



"Here Is The Foundation Of A Good Life: Be Good, Be Kind, Be Humane And Charitable; Love Your Fellowman, Console The Afflicted, Pardon Those Who Have Done You Wrong.." *By Zoroaster*

*Thank you for your support.

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