



# What's the Buzz in Room 6?

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Dear First Grade Families and Friends,  
With parent-teacher conferences this week and the cold weather upon us, we have successfully made it through the first trimester of 1st grade! We've learned so much and are on our way to even more learning and growth.

In reading, we have learned the difference between fiction and non-fiction texts. We are beginning to learn about some non-fiction text features that help us understand the book and learn facts about the given topic. Readers continue to work on building reading stamina and practicing good strategies for figuring out tricky words.

During Writer's Workshop we have also transitioned to writing non-fiction (teaching) books. First grade authors have identified topics they know a lot about and are planning, sketching, and writing teaching books to teach their reader about the topic they have selected.

In math, we are moving into our third unit, where mathematicians are solving addition and subtraction problem within 20. We continue to build our addition and subtraction fluency within 10, and students should certainly practice these skills at home as well.

During Social Thinking, we are learning how to "think with our eyes". This is when you look at the speaker and make them feel as though you are thinking about what they are saying.

~Ms. Kantrow

## Student of the Month:

*Mya K.*

## Grow Awards:

Great choices: *Destiny B.*

Reach for your best: *Caden B.*

Open to learning: *John O.*

We support each other: *Ayla B.*

*Awesome job! 😊*

## Tips to Help your Child Succeed:

- Read with your child **every** night.
- Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is ready for school each day.
- Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.
- Teach your children to be responsible for their actions and schoolwork.
- Help your child with his/her homework every night.
- Ask your children about school and encourage them to talk about their day.
- **Be positive!**



## IMPORTANT INFO

- ☀ Please provide your student with **ONLY one, healthy, neat, nut-free** snack each day.
- ☀ All first graders should be reading for at least 20 minutes each night. They should be discussing and/or writing about the book after they read it. If you need me to send your child home with some books, please let me know!
- ☀ Please send in BoxTops for Education. This fundraiser raises hundreds of dollars for our school each year!

