



What's the Buzz in Room 6?

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Dear First Grade Families and Friends,

We are down to the final weeks of first grade! Our class is working very hard to prepare for second grade.

In Reader's Workshop this month we learned about finding the lesson, or author's message, in a story. We discussed how readers have opinions about the book they read. Students learned how to give a book recommendation and practiced trying to convince their peers to read their favorite book. Students can write book recommendations at home too!

First grade mathematicians are learning how to add and subtract two-digit numbers using a variety of strategies. We can draw pictures, use a hundreds chart, make an open number line, and calculate mentally.

In Writer's Workshop, we are working on writing our opinion and supporting it with detailed reasons and examples. At home, students should be practicing writing complete sentences, starting with a capital letter and ending with punctuation.

Our Social Thinking focus this month is on using our "Superflex powers" to regulate ourselves. We will learn how to match our reactions to the size of a problem, as well as strategies to cope with angry feelings. Please join the district's Social Thinking coordinator at an information session for parents this Thursday, May 5th at 6:30 pm!

~Ms. Kantrow

Student of the Month:

Cristabell!

Grow Awards:

Great choices: Harsh

Reach for your best: Harsh

Open to learning: Ayla

We support each other: Emanuel

Upcoming dates to remember:

- Thurs 5/5: Social Thinking Info. Session for Parents- 6:30pm
- Friday 5/13: GROW and Student of the Month assembly in the gym at 9:15 am
- Wed 5/11: PTA meeting 4 pm in library
- Wed 5/18: ½ day for students- 1:17 dismissal
- Mon 5/30: Memorial Day- No School

Please check your child's Tuesday Take-home folder for flyers with additional information.

IMPORTANT INFO

- ☀Please be sure to listen to your student read for at least 20 minutes each day. Ask questions about the book, discuss your favorite parts, and try writing about it!
- ☀Please provide your student with **ONLY one, healthy, neat, nut-free** snack each day.
- ☀Please send your child with Box Tops for our school. The last round of Box Tops we sent in earned our school \$300 so they really add up!

