



What's the Buzz in Room 6?

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Dear First Grade Families and Friends,
Happy New Year! Throughout our day, our class often pauses to reflect on our experiences. We discuss what went really well, and notice some areas in need of improvement. We work on setting goals in all academic and social settings, and we discuss plans to help achieve our goals. With 2016 upon us, our class will be working to set resolutions, or goals, for the remainder of our year. Talk to your child about his/her goal and the plan for reaching it!

We have reached the end of our non-fiction reading unit. The class has learned many strategies readers use when reading non-fiction texts, such as giving a book introduction and discussing what we are learning with a partner. In January we will continue to build our reader's toolkit through reading a combination of fiction and non-fiction books.

First grade mathematicians are solving addition and subtraction problems within 20. We learned the 4 steps to solving a math problem: 1. Identify the situation. 2. Describe the plan for solving. 3. Solve. 4. Check using another strategy.

This month's Social Thinking curriculum will focus on problem solving. We have learned what members of a group do to make a plan together. Now we will learn how to deal with changes to the plan, steps for calming, and appropriate solutions to a problem.
~Ms. Kantrow

Student of the Month:

Jaden!

Grow Awards:

Great choices: *Cristabell*

Reach for your best: *Gabriel*

Open to learning: *Harsh*

We support each other: *Emanuel*

Way to go! ☺

A note about homework:

Please make sure to work with your child on homework. The homework is given to reinforce strategies we are working on in school. However, they may still need some guidance and support. Students should do their own writing and thinking, but may need you to guide them in the right direction.



IMPORTANT INFO

- ☀ Please consider the weather when helping your child make their clothing and jacket choice for the day as we often spend 20 minutes outside for recess each day.
- ☀ 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!