

## First Grade Monthly Newsletter Oct. 2023

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October is a busy month at TRES. We begin the month with our Panda Pride assembly. Mid-October brings us parent-teacher conferences, and we end the month with a PTA sponsored Trunk-or-Treat event. We look forward to a great month of learning as we continue to reinforce school routines.

### Important Dates:

- **October 5:** J & P Pizza Fundraiser Night
- **October 6:** Panda Pride assembly during lunch
- **October 6-13:** Book Fair
- **October 11:** Parent Teacher Conference- School opens 4 hours late.
- **October 12:** Parent Teacher Conference- School opens 4 hours late.
- **October 13:** Parent Teacher Conference- School dismisses 3.5 hours early.
- **October 27:** PTA Trunk or Treat

### Reminders:

- Please remember to send all attendance-related correspondence to your child's classroom teacher **AND** [tres.attendance@fcps.org](mailto:tres.attendance@fcps.org)
- Don't forget to complete volunteer training if you wish to volunteer, help with parties, or chaperone field trips. This is required annually. [registration and training](#)
- If you have not already done so, please review the [TRES parent handbook](#).

## Curricular Information

### English Language Arts (ELA)

#### Open Court Unit 1 Home Connection Sheets:

- [Lesson 2](#)
- [Lesson 3](#)

#### Open Court Unit 2 Home Connection Sheets:

- [Lesson 1](#)
- [Lesson 2](#)

Here are the skills we are working on in October:

Writing	Foundational Skills	Reading Comprehension
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Handwriting lowercase letters</li><li>• Writing autobiographies</li><li>• Learn about the drafting process of writing.</li><li>• Learn about revising when writing.</li><li>• Learn about audience and purpose of writing.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Segmenting, blending, and substituting initial consonant sounds.</li><li>• Blend, spell, and read words that contain target letters.</li><li>• Fluency practice with decodable books</li><li>• New High frequency words:  has, at, call, look, was, what</li></ul>	Themes: Back to School & Making Friends <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Making connections to reading</li><li>• Asking and answering questions about a text</li><li>• Analyze story elements: characters &amp; setting.</li><li>• Sequence events in a story</li></ul>

### Math

Our math units in October cover many skills that set a solid foundation for subsequent math learning. Below is a list of skills we will practice this month along with a clickable link for information on how you can support your child with these skills at home.

#### [Unit 2 Home Connection Newsletter](#)

- Meaning of the equal sign
- Use objects to model and explain addition and subtraction.
- Draw pictures and write equations to model and show addition and subtraction.
- Use counting strategies (counting all, counting on, counting back) to solve addition and subtraction.

- Add and subtract fluently within 10 using the plus/minus 0, 1, 2 strategy.

### [Unit 3 Home Connection Newsletter](#)

- Compare the lengths of 3 objects and order those objects by length.
- Identify and describe a 2D shape by its attributes.
- Compare and sort 2D shapes by its attributes using manipulatives.
- Build and draw 2D shapes by using manipulatives.
- Recognize that 2D shapes can be composed and decomposed to make new shapes.
- Partition a whole into equal shares.
- Describe equal shares using the vocabulary: halves, fourths, quarters, half of, fourth of, and quarter of.

## **Social Studies**

We will continue our **Civics: Living in a Community** unit.

In this unit students will explore the question, “How can I be helpful in my community?” Students will learn about how leaders help their community and how they can help their community by being civically engaged. They explore what it means to cooperate and why cooperation is important in reaching school goals. Finally, students will examine how communities solve problems. They will identify a community problem and potential solutions for the common good of all members of the community.

## **PATHS**

Our social/emotional learning concepts for October include:

- Identifying feelings
- Learning to identify comfortable and uncomfortable feelings.
- Friendship strategies- how to be a friend to others.