

## First Grade Monthly Newsletter Dec. 2023

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### Important Dates:

- 12/1- 2 hour early dismissal
- 12/4- FCPS Inclusive Schools Week- See spirit day schedule below
- 12/9- PTA Sponsored Winter Craft Fair 9:00-10:30 am in TRES Cafeteria (Admission \$15/person)
- 12/13 PTA sponsored assembly- Corey the Dribbler
- 12/23-1/1 Winter Break

### 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](#).
- Cold weather means winter coats. Winter coats mean lots of zipping! Please work with your child on how to zip or button their coat.

**SPIRIT WEEK 12/4-12/8**

Join us the week of December 4-8 to celebrate UNITY WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY and Inclusive Schools Week 2023. Inclusive Schools Week is celebrated annually the first week in December by families, schools, and organizations in the U.S. and abroad. The week highlights and celebrates the progress that schools have made in implementing inclusive practices to ensure a quality education for an increasingly diverse student population.

We invite our school community to participate in celebration activities around the building, including the following spirit days.

**Monday, December 4** - Tip Your Hats to Inclusion (Hat Day)

**Tuesday, December 5** - Tie Dye Tuesday: No two tie dyes are exactly the same, but there is beauty in all of them.

**Wednesday, December 6** - Wacky Wednesday to show your uniqueness

**Thursday, December 7** - Be Comfortable, Be You (Wear PJs)

**Friday, December 8** Wear School Colors to show we are all ONE

## Curricular Information

### English Language Arts (ELA)

#### Open Court Unit 4 Home Connection Sheets

Here are the skills we are working on in December:

Writing	Foundational Skills	Reading Comprehension
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Informative Writing</li> </ul> <p>Students will research an animal, collect information about their animal, and write an informative piece to teach others about their animal.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Segmenting, blending, and substituting final consonant sounds.</li> <li>Blend, spell, and read words that contain target phonics concepts (r-controlled vowels, schwa, letters q, v, and y).</li> <li>Fluency practice with decodable books</li> </ul>	<p>Theme: Light and Sound</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Making connections to reading</li> <li>Asking and answering questions about a text</li> <li>Summarize</li> <li>Make predictions</li> </ul>

### Math

Our math unit in December focuses on addition and subtraction. Students will:

- Practice math strategies such as counting on and back, making ten, doubles facts
- Explore the meaning of the equal sign by solving two sides of an equation and determining if it is true or false (i.e.  $2 + 3 = 4 + 1$ )
- Solve story problems
- Add 3 addends

### [Unit 5 Home Connection Letter](#)

## **Social Studies**

We will conclude our Geography Unit by learning about cultures around the world. Students will complete a culture book about themselves. We will also explore physical and man-made features of different continents.