

First Grade Monthly Newsletter Jan. 2024



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Happy New Year! We hope your year is off to a great start! January is a busy month, beginning with our field trip to the Earth Space Science Lab. We will begin our Science unit on Space at the beginning of Quarter 3, so this is a great way to kick it off! Later this month we have an assembly with the Singing Scientist.

Important Dates:

- **January 3: Field trip to the ESSL**
- **January 10: Singing Scientist**
- **January 11: J and P Fundraiser Night**
- **January 15-17: Schools are closed**
- **January 18: Quarter 3 Begins**

Reminders:

- Please remember to send all attendance-related correspondence to your child's classroom teacher AND 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](#).
- Inclement Weather: Click [HERE](#) to access FCPS inclement weather information.

Curricular Information

English Language Arts (ELA)

Here are the skills we are working on in January:

Writing	Foundational Skills	Reading Comprehension
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handwriting lowercase letters• Writing Instructions• Writing Opinions and persuasive writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long vowel patterns (vce, vv)• Closed and Open Syllables	Theme: Light and Sound - Storms Theme: Around our Town -What makes a community?

Math

In math we will be finishing unit 5 with learning to solve story problems. We will be working on solving change unknown problems such as $8 + ? = 12$. We will learn about graphing and interpreting data.

[Unit 6 Home Connection Newsletter](#)

Unit 6 will begin mid-January. In this unit we will circle back to place value. We will practice comparing two digit numbers and review ten more, ten less than a number.

Social Studies to Science

We will finish our Social Studies Unit with learning about Goods and Services. In the middle of January we will begin our Science unit on Space. Students will explore patterns in the sky, learn about planets, and other space related concepts.