



We are thrilled to be back in the classroom with our 1st graders! We appreciate all your support as we navigated remote learning. We are excited to be with your child as we continue 1st grade in person.

Our daily instruction will be a blend of the Adams 12 curriculum and Florida Virtual Learning. Your child will need to bring a charged device daily to school. We will balance using technology throughout the day along with traditional instruction.

Here is what we will be covering in October:

**Reading:** We completed our Messaging Meaning Unit in reading and will be beginning our next unit called **Finding the Features**. Students will participate in a study of fiction and nonfiction, explaining the difference between stories and informational text and using text features to locate key information.

**Foundations:** Phonics and spelling will be embedded into our literacy block. We focus on daily **Word Study** along with word families and sight words. On Friday we give a word study check-up to monitor your child's progress in spelling. This check-up is not entered into the gradebook.

**Writing:** We will be revisiting our Personal Narrative Unit. This is a special kind of writing that tells real stories from our students' lives. Students will write a variety of personal narratives that will include two or more sequenced events along with transition words. As we begin daily writing, we will have a strong focus on conventions.

**Math:** We will continue using **Everyday Math** curriculum. In Unit 1 we learned about different types of tools we use in math. This includes using number lines,

ten frames, and tallies. In Unit 2 we will be practicing counting, skip counting and organizing data. We will also introduce simple addition, solving number stories, sums of ten, and continued practice using math tools.

**Social Studies and Science:** We will be wrapping up our Social Studies unit on Rights and Responsibilities and American Traditions in Florida Virtual. Mid October we will begin our first Science unit on Space: Patterns in the Sky and Light. This will be a study of observable patterns in the sky, and the relationship between light and the ability to see objects.

**Second Step:** The first-grade team is implementing the Second Step program. Second Step is a program to support social-emotional learning. It also helps provide a successful learning environment that encourages children to thrive. The program will enable children to take an active role in regulating their social-emotional skills

We are following the district's recommendations for keeping our **classrooms a safe environment** for our students. Each classroom is its own cohort and is kept together during the day - even for lunch and recess. Students will only be in a different classroom for specials, and this year specials are on a 5 week rotation to minimize contact within the building. Classrooms have been set up for social distancing and all student items are kept in individual containers. We have daily handwashing along with the use of hand sanitizer as needed. Face masks are worn throughout the day but can be taken off for recess. Please make sure your child has two face masks at school every day.

### **Important Dates:**

**10-16** Individual Pictures

Please let your teacher know if you have any questions or concerns as we start back to in person learning. We are looking forward to a great month in 1st grade!

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