

# 1st Grade Newsletter

March 2026

## What Are We Learning

This month we are entering our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. In reading, students practiced reading comprehension using the story Mother Bruce by asking questions, identifying story details, and sharing ideas in discussions. They strengthened phonics, spelling, handwriting, and grammar skills. Students also wrote an opinion piece with a reason and example while building vocabulary and speaking skills.

In math, students are using different strategies to find the unknown number in math equations and simple math stories. Students will also build strategies to identify 3-D shapes by their attributes. Students will also use shapes to compare quantities. Students will also create their own 3-D shapes.

## Upcoming Events

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In-School  
Planetarium Visit

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snow Day Make-Up  
School is in session

MAR

13

Pi-Day Celebration

## Reminders

School doors open at 9:15 am. Learning and instruction begins at 9:30 am. Please make sure students are arriving at school daily in complete uniform. Remember, hoodies and graphics are not allowed. Students should also bring their red folders and backpacks daily. If you need assistance with anything, please let your student's teacher know.

## Tentative Field Trip Dates

- 4/14- Lego Discovery Center
- 4/30- Skate Zone (stem)
- 5/15- National Zoo
- 6/1- National History Museum

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In social studies, students are learning basic economics concepts and how they connect to our daily lives. Students learned how people make choices, earn money, and use goods and services in their communities.

In science, students are learning about climate change and animal sounds. While learning how to use animal sounds for communication, we will also learn how climate change can affect animal sounds. Students will also have opportunities to do spring activities to welcome the new season.

In health, students are learning about the dangers of drugs and how to use medicine safely. By the end of the unit, students should be able to differentiate between drugs and medicine and know the rules for taking medicine.

## Upcoming Events

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we will celebrate Pi - Day

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St.Patrick's Day

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End of Qtr- 3 hr Early Release

## Reminders

We are in the season of field trips. Mrs. Williams will be reaching out to those who completed the interest form with further details on how to be a chaperone. **Our first field trip will be to the LEGO Discovery Center. The tentative date is April 14, 2026.** Please email Mrs.Williams if you have additional questions. We need at least (2) chaperones per classroom.

## After School Activities

- Tues - Virtuous Boss
- Thurs - Lego Club
- Thurs- Virtuous Boss

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## Read Across America

We celebrated Read Across America Day on Monday, March 2, 2026. Our primary celebration took place Monday morning in the cafeteria from 9:45–11:00 a.m. During the celebration, students listened to stories, completed a craft, and played a game to celebrate the joy of reading. Teachers also had the opportunity to include additional crafts and literacy activities in their classrooms throughout the day. Our spotlight author was Laura Numeroff, who wrote many classic children's books such as *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, *If You Give a Dog a Donut*, and *If You Give a Mouse a Brownie*. Throughout the week, students listened to her stories based on the provided schedule. During the celebration, students listened to *If You Take a Mouse to School* and *If You Give a Dog a Donut* together.

We also had special guest readers join us, including Ms. Moore and a guest reader from the Prince George's County Council. Students in Pre-K through 2nd grade participated in Pajama Day, which added to the excitement and made the celebration even more fun.

