

Mrs. Thomas's Class  
First Grade Newsletter  
February 23, 2018



Dates to Remember

- 3/1 – Math Facts Fluency Logs Due
- 3/2 – Dr. Seuss Day & TIPS Assignment Due
- 3/19 – Gardening Day
- 3/21 – End of Third Nine Weeks
- 3/22 – Parent Night
- 3/26 – 3/30 – Spring Break

Hiker of the Week

All of our students have been Hiker of the Week.

We will take a short break and then resume with a different activity for the students to shine!

Classroom News

Students are practicing measuring with rulers to the inch. We took our lesson out to the garden to measure flowers and lettuce to practice this skill. If you get the opportunity, have your child measure 2-3 items for practice.

If your child is participating in Book It!, he/she will need to read 323 minutes for the month of March (this is 19 minutes, 5 nights a week). It doesn't include spring break as there will not be any assigned reading over the break. In April, we will top out at 20 minutes a night for the remainder of the year to participate in Book It! Please remember the extra Book It! minutes are optional; the regular reading of 15 minutes, 5 nights a week is not.

Please check your child's purple folder for your next TIPS assignment about Dr. Seuss. Please feel free to e-mail me with any questions you may have.

Alachua County School District has approved and posted the 2018-2019 School Calendar. Please see their website for a copy.



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Child's Name

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Parent's Name



## Spelling Words

Focus: /ar/ /or/ /er/ /ir/  
/ur/

Rule: r-controlled vowel or bossy 'r'; the r 'bosses' the vowel to make a new sound.

### Hedgehogs:

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| 1) dark  | 6) third  |
| 2) card  | 7) story  |
| 3) stern | 8) cord   |
| 4) term  | 9) hurt   |
| 5) dirt  | 10) purse |

### Bears:

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| 1) starving | 6) inquiry |
| 2) lizard   | 7) torment |
| 3) safer    | 8) perform |
| 4) barber   | 9) plural  |
| 5) thirty   | 10) sulfur |

## What We're Learning Next Week

Reading: Text and Graphic Features

Spelling/Phonics: /ar/ /or/ /er/ /ir/ /ur/

Writing: Informational

Math: Measurement & Time

Science: Land and Water

## Word of the Week

mindfulness

### School Days

Please be sure to ask your child about the following activities from this past week: telling time, mindfulness, taking care of our teeth, how music is incorporated into our daily life, yogurt parfaits, and measuring in the garden with rulers.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Math Enrichment

All of 1<sup>st</sup> grade has been working on place value the last few weeks. I challenged them and students have been practicing adding, subtracting, reading, and knowing the place value of numbers up to the hundred thousand place. Have your little wizard solve these problems for you, tell you the place value of the numbers, and read the answers to you. Don't forget, you do NOT say the word 'and' when reading these numbers.

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