



Fabulous First Graders



April Newsletter



Target Skills For the Month

Week 2:

Language Arts:

Unit 5.4: Simple Machines

Genre: Expository Nonfiction

- *⓪ Diphthong *oi, oy*
- *⓪ Suffixes *-er, -or*
- *⓪ Comprehension Skill: Main Idea
- *⓪ Comprehension Strategy: Summarize

Math :

- *⓪ Name fractional parts of regions and complete addition facts.
- *⓪ Unit 8 Review
- *⓪ Unit 8 Assessment

Science:

- *⓪ Simple Machines
- *⓪ Forces & Motion

Week 3:

Language Arts:

Unit 5.3: Dot & Jabber

Genre: Informational Fiction

- *⓪ Vowels *oo*
- *⓪ Inflected Endings
- *⓪ Comprehension Skill: Compare & Contrast
- *⓪ Comprehension Strategy: Monitor & Fix Up

Math : Use a Number Grid to...

- *⓪ count forward and backward by 1s and 10s.
- *⓪ name missing numbers.
- *⓪ extend patterns.
- *⓪ add and subtract 1s and 10s from 2-digit numbers.
- *⓪ solve addition and subtraction problems with and without manipulatives and tools
- *⓪ solve addition and subtraction problems.
- *⓪ identify the values of digits in a 2-digit number
- *⓪ solve puzzles.
- *⓪ **Science:** Plants/Seeds
- *⓪ Solids/Liquids/Gases/Evaporation

Unit 5 Highlights:

The Big Idea: *Great Ideas*

Concept Question:

What difference can a great idea make?

Weekly Question:

Wk 2: What great ideas make our lives easier?

Wk 3: Why do we want to find answers to some questions?

Wk 4: How can a great idea change the way we live?

Vision:

*Pierce Terrace and Community UNITED
Building Lifelong Learners for the 21st Century*

Mission:

To provide an exemplary education that inspires and prepares all DoDEA students for success in a dynamic, global environment.

First Grade Expectations:

*We will arrive rested and ready to learn every day!

*We will use kind words with others.

*We will follow directions the first time they are given.

*We will treat others with kindness and compassion.

*We will keep our hands, feet, and bodies to ourselves.

*We will use good manners such as, "please," "thank you," "yes, ma'am, and "no, ma'am."

*We will share.

*We will take turns.

*We will apologize.

*We will HAVE FUN!



Looking Ahead:

April 2012

April 2-6: Spring Break

April 9: Field Trip to the Post Museum

April 11: Spirit Store Open 7:55-8:10

April 23-27: Book Fair
Buy One Get One!!

April 28: Fun Run at Hilton Field

Week 4: Language Arts:

Unit 5.5: Alexander Graham Bell

Genre: Biography

- *⓪ Vowels *aw, au*
- *⓪ Short e: *ea*
- *⓪ Comprehension Skill: Draw Conclusions
- *⓪ Comprehension Strategy: Text Features

Math :

- *⓪ Tell, write, and solve number stories.
- *⓪ Use standard measuring tools to measure length to the nearest inch.
- *⓪ Use non-standard tools to estimate capacity.
- *⓪ Divide shapes into fractional parts.
- *⓪ Identify equivalent names for fractional parts.

Social Studies:

- *⓪ Inventors/Inventions
- *⓪ Communication/Technology