

# 1st Grade October 2026 Newsletter

## ELA/Writing



### Overview

In **reading**, students will read about how the people they meet and the experiences they have can help them. Children will read about the different activities they can do at school. They also will read about what makes a good friend, the many different types of friends they can have, and what makes each person special. They will also **discover their place in the world**. They begin their search by exploring how they fit within their family and their local community. It is important that they feel a sense of belonging to both.

#### Major Skills students will learn about:

- Story structure
- Author's purpose
- how to make inferences
- how to ask and answer questions
- Retelling
- Making connections
- Text features

In **writing**, students will learn how to:

- create strong characters
- plan an organized story sequence

In **Fundations**, students will learn how to:

- blend and read three-sound short vowel words
- segment and spell three-sound vowel words
- identify and spell trick words

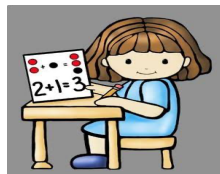
### Trick/Sight Words for October

the, a, and, is, his, of, you, that, it

### What you can do at home:

- Read and look at nonfiction books
- Point out people, business and services that work to help families and communities
- Talk about informational topics like animals or places
- Practice reading and finding the sight words
- Have your child show you how to tap out sounds for words
- Practice the ABCs

## Mathematics



In **Math**, students will learn how to add, subtract, and work with data. The lessons will deepen their understanding of addition and subtraction within 10 while organizing, counting, and representing data.

### What you can do at home:

- Practice counting up to 30
- Practice counting down from 30
- Make groups of ten using pieces of fruit or crayons

## Science



In **Science** students will learn:

- how to identify the structure of an animal and plants
- how sea turtles survive

### What you can do at home:

- Talk about animals and their structure. (Animals skin, hair, body type)

## Social Studies



In **Social Studies**, students will study about: Communities

- What is a community?
- Different types of communities.

### What you can do at home:

- Talk about your community? how your family has changed over time
- Point out different places in your community.

