

### **First Grade Teachers**

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### **Grade One Web News**

The teaching team is committed to helping each student be successful in reading, writing, math, and the content areas. We also emphasize school routines and behavioral expectations.

The Integrated Language Arts Program is based on the 5 key components of reading --- phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. We use the Houghton Mifflin Reading Series as a primary resource to help provide a well-balanced program. The series integrates listening, reading, speaking, and writing. It is comprehensive in the reading approach with an emphasis on phonics and high frequency (sight words) as a basis to reading. Chunks are reviewed each week with the high frequency words. The series includes an anthology (basal reader) and leveled readers designed to meet each student's individual learning needs. The team supplements the reading series with poems and good early literature for a complete approach to language arts. Children will participate in writer's workshop as their skills progress.

Math is based on the use of manipulatives so that children understand the math concepts. Math concepts include reading and writing numbers to 100, adding, subtracting, graphing, and geometry. As the year progresses, the children learn number order to 100 and the concept of greater than and less than. They also learn how to work with two digit numbers (place value) including addition and subtraction without regrouping. Measurement and geometry are also included in the math curriculum.

The social studies curriculum includes units on: Rules and Responsibilities; Past and Present, Me and My Neighbors, and Saving Our Resources. The hands-on science program includes Patterns, Bugs, and Seeds. In health the children will review Feelings, Interpersonal Relationships, and Cleanliness and Nutrition.