



# NOVEMBER NEWS

## 1st grade

### A note from the teachers

It's hard to believe that we're already one-quarter of the way through the school year! We love seeing the progress your children are making, and we're looking forward to sharing it with you during our Parent-Teacher Conferences later this month.

### Reminders

- ❑ Remember to check your child's take-home folder every day.
- ❑ If you have not yet done so, please use the link sent by your child's teacher to sign up for a Parent-Teacher Conference at your earliest convenience.
- ❑ We will begin having homework this marking period. Details will follow soon.

### Events

- **Monday, Nov. 1st:** No school for students (End of marking period grading & planning day for staff)
- **Monday Nov. 6th - noon on Friday, Nov. 10th:** Book Fair
- **Tuesday, Nov. 7th:** Reading Night 6:00-7:30pm
- **Friday, Nov. 10th:** JRES Open House - 1st grade times are as follows:
  - 9:10am-12:10pm
  - 1:30-3:00pm
- **Monday, Nov. 20th & Tuesday, Nov. 21st:** Early release days (12:55pm) for Parent-Teacher Conferences
- **Wednesday, Nov. 22 - Friday, Nov. 24:** No school (Thanksgiving)

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# Math Focus

We will begin module 2 in Eureka Math. This module is an introduction to place value through addition and subtraction within 20. Module 2 serves as a bridge from problem solving within 10 to work within 100 as students begin to solve addition and subtraction problems involving teen numbers. In Module 1, students were encouraged to move beyond the Level 1 strategy of *counting all* to the more efficient *counting on*. Now, they go beyond Level 2 to learn Level 3 decomposition and composition strategies, informally called *make ten* or *take from ten*.

**Parent Tip Sheets**

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# Reading and Writing Focus

We have started Unit 2 of the Benchmark Advance reading and writing curriculum. Our essential question for this unit is, “How do we learn about characters?” In this unit, students read and compare selections about different types of characters and analyze what the characters say, think, and do. We will work with story elements, character traits, key details, and more.

In phonics, we will continue to work with consonant sounds, short vowel sounds, long vowel sounds, and digraphs.

# Science and Social Studies Focus

In Social Studies this month, we will explore the following topics:

- People of different cultures meet needs in a variety of ways and interact to share and borrow customs and traditions.
- Investigating the past and comparing it to today reveals how history has changed over time and promotes better understanding of ourselves.