

First Grade May Newsletter

Hampton Primary School

"Let Your Dreams Take Flight"

Project Based Learning



Our Driving Question

How can we, as meteorologists, use collaborative technology to explain weather phenomena?



Language Arts

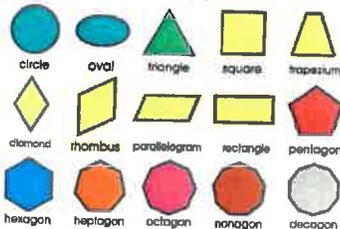
In May, the children will moving into Unit 9 of our Benchmark Advance language arts curriculum. Unit 9 is about "Using Goods and Services".



The pictures above are examples of using goods and services. The two girls made lemonade and are selling the lemonade. The lemonade is the "good" that the girls made. Providing lemonade for sale is the "service" the girls provide. The dog is going to get some medicine from the veterinarian for his earache. The medicine is the "good" and the veterinarian provides the "service".

Take time to discuss with your first grader the kinds of goods and services that happen in your family's daily lives,

Math



"Go Math" Unit 7 gives students an opportunity to learn about shapes and times.



Social Studies

Learn about citizenship.

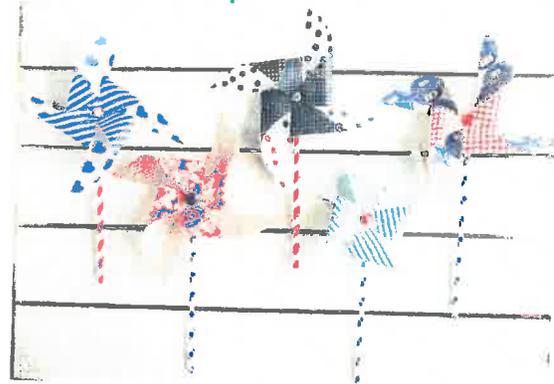
Discuss character traits.

Learn about Memorial Day



Science

The first graders will be learning about the wind. The children will be conducting hands-on investigations with wind direction and wind speed.



THE FIRST GRADE TEAM

Ms. Baldwin

Ms. Gutierrez

Mrs. Barnwell

Mrs. McMillan

Mrs. Chisholm

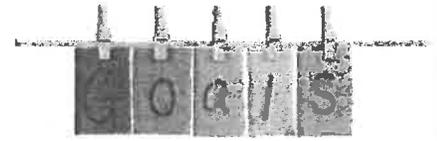
Mrs. Northe

Mrs. Delgado

Ms. Hillman-Ford

Mrs. Struck

In unit 7, our first graders work with geometric shapes. They will identify, compare/contrast and put shapes together to make composite 2D and 3D figures. Students will also partition shapes into halves and fourths, creating equal shares. Students will also tell time to the hour and half hour.

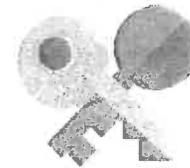


These are some vocabulary words we will use. Please try to use them at home as well!



closed	equal parts/shares	fourth of	half	half hour	hour
minutes	quarter of	whole	attributes	partition	
hexagon	rectangle	prism	cube	vertex (vertices)	

- ◆ We can use individual shapes to create composite shapes.
- ◆ Shapes can be partitioned into different sized shares.
- ◆ Shapes can be defined by their attributes.
- ◆ We can tell time with analog and digital clocks.



KEY POINTS

Try these websites for extra practice!

Telling time: http://www.abcya.com/telling_time.htm

Shape Recognition: http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/earlymath/shapes_shoot.htm

Equal and unequal parts: http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/earlymath/fractions_shoot.htm



Here are some ideas that you can do at home to reinforce the learning at school.

- Find examples of composite shapes (combined shapes) in your home.
- Create opportunities to partition items into fair shares (snacks, toys, etc).
- Discuss and compare attributes of shapes you see in your home.
How many vertices? Sides?

