



FIRST GRADE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

January 2018

Learner Profile

Global Thinker: I think of ways to solve problems.

Attendance

Our school wide goal is 98% attendance for each month. Students with perfect attendance will be recognized at assemblies. The school will also hold a BBQ for each month we reach our goal. If your child is unable to come to school, please make sure to do independent study for each day your child is absent. Independent study packets, when they are returned, give your student credit for they day they missed.

You can find the independent study contract at the school office or online (sjva.net-parent-parent resources-independent study) Contracts must be signed by 3:00 the day of the student's absence.

Remind is a free app that allows parents to receive important messages from the teacher directly to your phone or email. Below is the information needed to sign up.

Text your teachers code to 81010

Ms. Mitwalli—@mitw

Mrs. Wurzell—@9ecb9

Mrs. Wong—@fhkk4

Ms. Zazueta— @mszaz

Curriculum Focus

PYP Focus:

Central Idea: Society influences individuals in the way they express themselves.

Lines of Inquiry:

- **Symbols represent who we are**
- **How traditions are created and celebrated**
- ***Heroes achievements and how they are celebrated (January)**

Additional Focus:

- **Chp. 6 Math; Count to 120, place value (tens and ones), Chp 7; Compare numbers using greater than, less than symbols**
- **Personal narrative writing with a topic sentence, transitions (first, next, last), conclusion, neat handwriting, and using adjectives and descriptive writing on a given topic.**
- **Long vowels a, i, o, u, e (CVCe), digraphs /kn/, /wr/, /gn/, suffixes -er, -est, -y, -ful, compound sentences, question sentences, and the verb be.**

Resources

For videos explaining how to do math problems, search math on the spot on Google and click the first link.

For extra worksheets, create an account for teacherspayteachers.com.

Homework Tips

Please don't complete the whole packet in one sitting and use pencil.

If your child is feeling overwhelmed, take a five minute break.

A quiet space is encouraged.

The drive to and from school is a good time for students to practice Raz-Kids.



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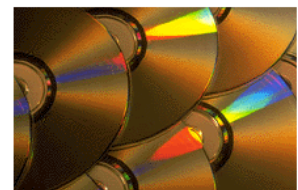
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Business Name

Primary Business Address
Address Line 2
Address Line 3
Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555
Fax: 555-555-5555
Email: someone@example.com

Business Tagline or Motto


Organization

**We're on the
Web!**
example.com

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words. If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of stand-

ard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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