



# January NEWSLETTER

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## FIRST GRADE

### What we are learning

**Reading:** In Module 4, students will listen to and read stories and informational texts that explore getting along with others, practicing cooperation, and being a good sport in different situations.

**Writing:** Module 4 focuses on procedural text writing. Students learn how to write a how-to book about making a new friend, including an introduction, body, and conclusion.

**Phonics:** In Unit 6, students strengthen their phonics and reading foundation by focusing on adding the suffix "-s" to base words to make them plural or show action.

**Math (Envision 2.0):** Topic 5 focuses on writing and solving addition and subtraction equations. Topic 6 emphasizes organizing, collecting, and representing data, interpreting charts to determine totals and comparisons, and solving problems involving data.

**Math (IM):** Students continue to develop fluency in Unit 3 by adding and subtracting numbers within 20.

**Science:** Light & Sound: Students explore how light creates brightness and darkness (shadows) and how sound produces noise as they design scenery and sound effects.

**Social Studies:** Black History Month: Students celebrate the cultural impact, leadership, and excellence of African American across many fields—including sports.

### EVENTS

**January 1st and 2nd:** No school, New Years Day

**January 5th-** Return to school

**January 19th:** No school, Martin Luther King Jr. day

**January 22nd:** Science Night, 4-6 p.m.

### TO-DO

- Read for at least 15 minutes every day
- Complete daily homework assignments

### REMINDERS

Please look in your child's P.S. 217 communication folder for daily updates and notices.

All first-grade classes are enjoying their in-school residency with the Ajna Dance Company, which will continue through the end of January! If you haven't had a chance to return the photo release form, please send it in with your child as soon as possible so we can capture these special moments.