



THE PUBLIC SCHOOL 13

April's newsletter brought to you by the First Grade

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Student Section

April is Autism Awareness Month! We are celebrating all children by talking about kindness! In class 1-215, we read, "Can I play Too" by Mo Willems and discussed how it is important to be kind to others. We colored a Puzzle Piece and wrote ways to be kind to everyone on our Puzzle Pieces.

Eli and Albert from class 1-215 work together to talk about animal adaptations in Science class.



Reading

Students are reading fairy tales from around the world. Each week the students will compare and contrast well known fairy tales with different versions from around the world. Students not only will compare and contrast the stories, they will look for similarities and differences in the characters by thinking about character traits. When reading at home with your child, you can ask them about character traits by encouraging them to think about what the character does, what the character thinks, how the character feels, and what the character says.

Writing

Students are exploring the genre of opinion writing. They are writing to share how they feel, what they think or believe about a topic of interest. They are naming their opinion and supporting their opinion with reasons and facts. Encourage them to share their opinion with you about things like their favorite books or games and ask them to explain why to expand their thinking. One thing you can do at home is remind your child that if he or she can say it, then he or she can write it!

Math

Grade 1 Module 4: Place Value, Comparison, Addition and Subtraction to 40

Module 4 explores the concepts of place value in two digit numbers. In the beginning of the unit, students explore what it means to turn a group of ones into a ten. They are using critical thinking to discover how a number grid can be used to show one more, one less, ten more, and ten less. As the unit progresses, students are using greater than and less than symbols to compare larger numbers. Students will also learn how to add and subtract within 40. Encourage your child to talk about their mathematical learning by asking them to compare two amounts and explain their thinking about place value.

Dates of Interest

April 19th- 26th: Spring Break
April 29th: School Resumes

Backof/Pelle
1-208

Cedeno/Leonardi
1-211

Ducalo
1/2-220

Ginetto
1-215

Ferraro
1-219

Storniolo
1-22

