

1st Grade Newsletter

Cotton Indian Elementary

November 2018

From the Teachers...

It's November! We are working hard to meet our goals and grow as leaders. Please keep reading and working with your child at home. Thank you ☺

This Month in the Classroom

ELA:

- Asking and answering questions about key details in an informational text.
- Recognizing the indicators of a fiction (not real, has drawings, tells a story) and nonfiction (real, gives facts, does not have to be read in order, has photographs, table of contents, captions, graphs charts, glossary, and index) text
- Writing narrative that include two or more sequenced events
- Write a narrative with a beginning, middle, and sense of closure.
- Understanding the purpose of punctuation and capitalization

Math:

- Using addition and subtraction to solve word problems
- Adding and subtracting using manipulatives and/or solving strategies such as counting on, taking numbers apart, or using a number line.
- Recognizing and explaining the operation symbols of an equation and number sentence, such as the plus, minus, and equal sign.

Science:

- Weather/Climate
- Solid and liquid
- Weather measuring tools (rain gauges, wind vanes, and thermometers)
- Types of precipitation: hailstones (solid), snow (solid), sleet (solid), and rain (liquid)
- Magnets

Social Studies:

- Landforms: mountain, desert, valley, and coast
- Seven continents: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Australia, Europe
- Major Oceans: Arctic, Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Ocean.
- Life and accomplishments of Lewis, Clark, and Sacagawea

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Calendar

Nov. 1st – Cookie Sale Delivery

Nov. 1st – Skate Night 6:00 pm

Nov. 2nd – STEM Day

Nov. 5th -6th – No School (Professional Learning Day)

Nov. 9th – School Dance (fundraiser)

Nov. 12th – Coffee with Principal 8:00 am

Nov. 14th – Kona Ice

Nov. 16th – Cougar Clubs

Nov. 19th – 23rd – Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 27th – CIE chorus and drama Lion King Performance @ the Performance Arts Center 7:00 pm

Home Activities:

- Read at least 20 minutes each night and ask your child at least two questions about the story.
- Practice sight words every night.
- Use different manipulatives (beans, spoons, pennies, pasta, etc.) to make and count by 1's, 2's, 5's, 10's, and 100's. (Our goal is to count beyond 120 by the end of first grade.) **Also, begin using the manipulatives to make different number sets.**
- Have students solve addition and subtraction problems using drawings and manipulatives.
- Have students conduct their own research on any of the topics under the **science** and social studies categories in the **"This Month in the Classroom"** section.

Leader in Me

A Leader's mindset:

"Great Leaders don't set out to be a Leader... They set out to make a difference. Its never about the role- ALWAYS about the goal."

-Lisa Haisha