

# First Grade Newsletter

January 30-February 3, 2017  
Mrs. Johnston, Ms. Weems & Mrs. Wiles

## "Setting Sail on a Learning Adventure"



The Mission of Pearl Public School District is to prepare each student to become a lifelong learner, achieve individual goals, and positively impact a global society.

### Spelling Words

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| 1. bird  | 2. shirt  |
| 3. sir   | 4. swirl  |
| 5. girl  | 6. first  |
| 7. chirp | 8. her    |
| 9. burn  | 10. hurt  |
| 11. fur  | 12. store |
| 13. were | 14. under |

The spelling pretest is given each Monday. Students who make a 100 will not have to take the test on Friday.

### Challenge Words

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| 1. verb   | 2. who's  |
| 3. third  | 4. we're  |
| 5. return | 6. he's   |
| 7. you're | 8. are    |
| 9. know   | 10. visit |

### Homework

Please note homework is subject to change!

**Monday**-Write spelling words in a fancy font.

**Tuesday**-Triangle Spelling

**Thursday**-Let someone give you a pretest. Write all the words you misspell 3 times each. Weekly ELA, Story, & Math sheets are in your child's binder or folder. Please make sure all homework is returned **each day**.

**Read every day with your child!**

### Students of the Week

Jaden Blocker  
Ava Brinson  
Benton Campbell

### Skills

#### English Language Arts

Reviewing previous skills; Words with -ir, -ur, & -er; Verbs am, is, are, was, and were

#### Math

Greater than, less than; Tens and ones; 10 more, 10 less, 1 more, 1 less

### Weekly Grades

#### Monday

- Spelling Pretest
- ELA Benchmark

#### Thursday

- Fact Test
- Topic 9 Test
- Math Benchmark

#### Friday

- Spelling Test
- Vocabulary
- Cold Read

### Weekly Events

- STAR testing this week. Mrs. Wiles's class-Monday, Ms. Weems's class-Tuesday, and Mrs. Johnston's class-Wednesday

## First Grade Reminders!

- **DON'T FORGET to send a healthy snack each day!**

We are collecting plastic peanut butter, pickle, and mayo jars for an end of the year project. Please send clean plastic jars whenever you can! Collect from neighbors, family, and friends!

Any money that is turned in must be in a ziplock bag or an envelope. Label it with your child's name, what the money is for, and the enclosed amount.

Check your child's folder/binder and backpack nightly. Initial the behavior calendar for each day.

**Do not allow students to bring toys, cell phones, tablets, or hand held games to school.**

Send in Box Tops for Education each month!

### February Birthdays



Kedric Dixon – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Levi Self – 8<sup>th</sup>  
Peter Pham – 20<sup>th</sup>

Katelynn Girault – 8<sup>th</sup>  
Leayah Williams – 15<sup>th</sup>  
Lexi Rodriquez – 21<sup>st</sup>

Tabytha Girault – 8<sup>th</sup>  
Riley Jenkins – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Brayan Balderas – 26<sup>th</sup>



# I'm a Caterpillar

## Question of the Week

What changes can be seen in nature?

Read the following sentences daily for fluency.

You've got dirt on that shirt.

That's a big bird on a small perch.

We're going to surf in those waves.

She's a clerk in this garden store.

### Amazing Words

**cycle**- something that keeps starting over again

**develop**- to grow

**insect**- a name for a bug

**rearrange**- move things around

**flurries**- a light snow fall

**emerge**- to come out from

**fragile**- it breaks easily

**vessel**- a tube that carries blood inside your body

Read the following words daily for fluency.

I've

they're

she's

turf

we're

jerking

### High Frequency Words

done

visit

know

wait

push

### Vocabulary Unit 4

**temperature**- how hot or cold something is

**protect**- to keep something or someone safe

**hunt**- to search or look for something

**fierce**- strong and dangerous

**huddle**- to gather together in a small close group

**howl**- to make a long, loud crying sound

**freezing**- very cold

**hatch**- to come out of an egg

**cozy**- warm, comfortable, and relaxed

**slide**- to move smoothly along a slippery surface