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Here are some books that you can read at home with your child in addition to their book baggie books!

<http://www.123homeschool4me.com/2014/09/100-books-for-1st-graders-to-read.html>

You can also visit the library to borrow books and find books on tape.

**While reading with your child, please ask your child the following questions about the book to support their comprehension:**

* What is the title? Using the picture and the title, predict what will happen in the story.
* Read a few pages of the book and think about the prediction you made, are you on the right track? If so, predict what will happen next using what you have read? If your prediction was not right, think about why your prediction was incorrect.
* Who is the most important character in the book? Would you like to be like this character in any way? Why? Why not?
* Why do you think the character is doing the actions that he/she is doing in the story? Give examples from the story that explain your thinking.

**November Curriculum Focuses**

* **Social Studies:** In Social Studies we will discuss why our families are important. We will be learning about needs and wants, and how our families support both our needs and wants. Students will also be discussing what makes their families special to them, as well as the role their families play in their lives. To support your child at home, please talk to them about the people in your family, and a tradition that you share together.
* **Science:** This month in science, students will learn about insects. Students will get to know different kinds of insects and also those characteristics that make give them the ability to survive.
* **Reading:** This month in reading our first graders will practice using reading strategies to deepen their comprehension of fiction and nonfiction text through collaborative opportunities. Students will learn how to read pattern books by pointing crisply under each word. Student will practice retelling fiction and nonfiction text.
* **Writing:** This month in writing, our first graders will practice pattern writing to supports them as readers and writers. The writers will build on what they have already learned and again use sketches, labels, and sentences to make pattern books like the ones they read in the leveled baskets in the library.
* **Math:** This month in math students begin to focus on defining attributes of three-dimensional shapes. They describe and sort shapes according to their attributes. This provides a foundation for classifying shapes in later grades. These experiences will help students to look for and make use of structure in geometry as well as in the physical world. Students will use investigations, young and develop the idea that data, charts, and graphs give information. Students will develop understanding that data is displayed in an organized manner. Classroom discussions will focus on what the graph or other representation conveys and whether the data helps answer the specific questions that are posed.
* **Eureka-Math:** This month in math we will be learning to add and subtract to 10. The students will be using many different strategies such as drawing a picture, counting on and using number bonds. As part of the Eureka program, the students are to read the problem, draw a picture that matches the problem, then write a number sentence that represents the picture. In order to support your child at home, please practice counting with them as well as skip counting. Skip counting by twos looks like: 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20.

**Important Dates!**

**November 7th:** Election Day- NO SCHOOL

**November 16th:** Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences- **early dismissal** for elementary school students.

**November 23th and 24th:** NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Recess

Thank you for your continued support at home!

~The First Grade Team~

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**Websites to Visit!**

<http://us.mathletics.com> -support with math concepts-Username and password provided by teacher

[www.ps226.org](http://www.ps226.org) – Homework sheets and upcoming information.

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com) – support with letter names and sounds.

[www.brainpop.com](http://www.brainpop.com) – fun and educational videos

<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm> - fun math games online!

[http://www.fossweb.com/modulesK-2/index.htmlhttp://www.fossweb.com/modulesK-2/index.html](http://www.fossweb.com/modulesK-2/index.html) - Science games!