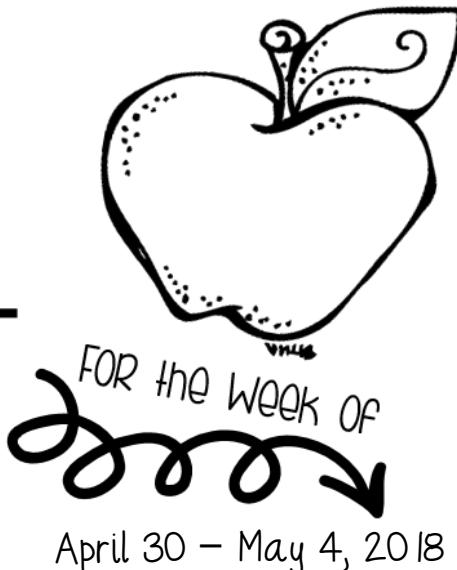


# Ms. Nguyen's First Grade

# NEWS



## Hot Topics This Week

This week, we will continue to explore the concept and creation of volcanoes! We started constructing our own volcanoes last week and we will be paper macheing and painting our volcanoes. We will also experiment with volcanic eruptions!

Writing: During Writer's Workshop, students will work on "beefing up" the middle of our writing.

Students will be able to think about other details that they can add to make the middle of their writing last longer, so that there is more suspense or to engage the reader more.

Phonics: This week we will continue to focus on adding "ed" to build words.

Your child will be able to add "ed" to the end of a word to show verbs used in past tense form.

Math: This week, we will talk about estimation. We will talk about why estimation is important and how we apply the concept in the real world. We will also talk about practical estimation strategies..

## Other

Don't forget our field trip to the York Co. Museum is this Tuesday, May 1st! We will leave Riverwalk around 8:30 AM and be back around 1:00 PM. Please remember to bring a **labeled packed lunch** for your child. Please also note that there is a section of the tour that **requires** your child to take off his or her shoes. Your child **must** be wearing **socks** to participate in this part of the field trip.

Please note that the school **will** not providing us with plastic spoons or forks anymore. If you pack an item that requires the use of either, please send one in with your child.

I will not be setting up any formal conference time slots for the Spring. With this being said, if you would like to have a conference to discuss your child's progress, please let me know and I will be more than happy to set one up. I am available every morning at 7 AM and after school starting at 3:30 PM with advance notice.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail me at [anguyen@riverwalkacademy.com](mailto:anguyen@riverwalkacademy.com).

Dates to Remember: May 1- First Grade Field Trip to Museum of York County \* May 28- NO SCHOOL \* May 31- Last Day of School (1/2 Day)

## Message from Ms. Nguyen

As you are reading with your child this week, I encourage you to use the "click or clunk" strategy. After reading each sentence, have your child think about whether he or she understands it (click) or whether it is confusing (clunk). As your child reads it should feel like "click, click, click." When he or she hits a "clunk," go back and reread to be sure he or she understands.