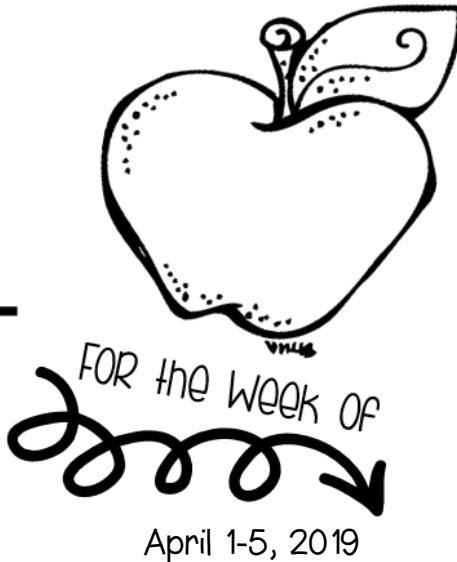


# Ms. Nguyen's First Grade

# NEWS



## Hot Topics This Week

**Driving Question:** How can plants and animals use natural resources to survive?

**Phonics-** We will talk about the three sounds of -ed. Our words of the week are: planted, called, missed, stopped, fixed, just, think, live, say, and great.

**Reading-** We will talk about how good readers use bold words to signal importance. Students will practice spotting a bold word and thinking about what they think the word means and confirming that thought with what the glossary says. We will be working on the skills of synthesizing and monitoring for meaning.

**Writing-** We are going to continue working on different types of poems.

**Math-** We will be working on identifying 3D shapes, creating a measuring tool, identifying one, five, ten, and twenty dollar bills, and identifying one half, one third, and one sixth.

## Other

For math this week, please make sure to go over subtraction facts -3

3-0, 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 4-3, 5-3, 6-3, 7-3, 8-3, and 9-3. Please note that these math facts will be assessed on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of these timed tests is to build the fact fluency (**able to add/ subtract quickly without using fingers**) that they will need to master by the end of first grade.

As you are working with your child at home, please work with your child on writing without mixing upper and lowercase letters. We have been talking about capitalization rules and how good writers capitalize the first letter of a sentence, the letter "I" when used as a pronoun, names, days of the week/months of the year, and places. We are working on correcting our writing in class, but the more practice we get, the better we will become.

Dates to Remember: April 3- REPORT CARDS SENT HOME \* April 7- PTO Bowling Fundraiser (3:00 PM) \* April 11- Dental Van Visit \* April 12- ½ Day \* April 15-19- Spring Break \* April 22- WEATHER MAKE UP DAY

## Message from Ms. Nguyen

The Colgate Dental Van will be visiting our school on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. During the visit your child will receive a free dental screening and learn how proper brushing, flossing, and nutrition can help keep their teeth and gums healthy. Following the screening, your child will receive a dental care kit containing a "dental report card," a free toothbrush, toothpaste sample, and activity sheet. In order for your child to participate in this, the consent and release form MUST be turned in by Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.