

# Ms. Nguyen's First Grade



FOR the week of  
May 7 - 11, 2018

## NEWS

### Hot Topics This Week

This week, we will wrap up our volcano experiments! We experimented with baking soda and vinegar and diet coke and mentos last week. The diet coke and mentos did not turn out as expected, so we are going to experiment with different sodas on Monday.

Writing: During Writer's Workshop, students will work on editing their writing and focusing on their penmanship.

Students will be able to reread their drafts, pay close attention to how they wrote their letters. Any time they find a letter that is difficult to read, they will stop and fix it.

Phonics: This week we will focus on learning about contractions with "is" and "will."

Your child will understand that to make a contraction, you put two words together and leave out a letter or letters. Write an apostrophe where the letter(s) are left out.

Math: This week, we will continue to talk about rounding and why it is an important concept to know. When do we use rounding in the real world?

### Other

Ms. Danielle Scarpa is delighted to announce that together, Riverwalk Academy, raised \$240 for the Make a Wish Foundation. First Grade raised \$103 of that making our grade the winners! All first graders and their teachers will have the opportunity to spray Dr. Compton with water at Field Day (May 23<sup>rd</sup>)! The community service club would like to thank all families for their help in making wishes come true!

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 23- K-5 Field Day (9:00 AM-1:00 PM) \* May 28- NO SCHOOL \* May 31- Last Day of School (1/2 Day)

### Message from Ms. Nguyen

Thank you to all of the parents that were able to make it to our field trip on Tuesday! The kids had an absolute blast and they loved having you with them!

As you are reading with your child this week, I encourage you to ask your child questions about the text. Who were the main characters of the book? How do you think \*character\* felt when \*situation\* happened? Did you like how the story ended? If not, how would you have changed the ending?