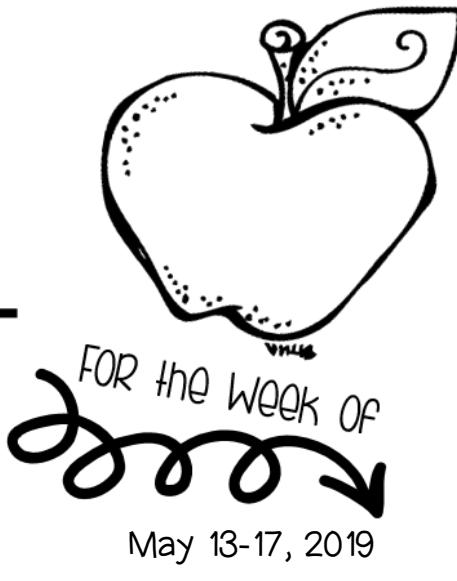


# Ms. Nguyen's First Grade

# NEWS



## Hot Topics This Week

**Driving Question:** How can we use light and sound to communicate different kinds of feelings without words?

**Phonics-** We will be learning about phonetic skill 4, which states that when the letter e comes at the end of a word and is preceded by another vowel, the e is silent, making the first vowel sound long. Our words of the week are: ride, same, joke, fume, grade, robe, quake, made, ripe, and cane.

**Reading-** We will talk about how good readers know the difference between plot and theme. We will be working on the skills of inferring and determining importance.

**Writing-** We are going to work on revising our fairytales and adding adjectives to create imagery.

**Math-** We will continue to work on counting pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters. We will also review telling time to the half hour.

## Other

For math this week, please make sure to go over subtraction facts -8. 8-0, 9-8, 8-8, and 10-8.

Please note that these math facts will be assessed on Friday, May 17<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: May 16- Art Show (4:00-6:00 PM) \* May 23- Spirit Night (Adventure Air) \* May 27- NO SCHOOL \* June 6- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (HALF DAY)

## Message from Ms. Nguyen

Please note that guided reading has been paused for the next couple of weeks, as I am testing students individually for their end of year reading levels. I will not be sending home book bags, but please continue to have your child read to you for at least 15 minutes each night.