



CROSSROADS ACADEMY
SCIENTIA VIRTUSQUE

FIRST GRADE WEEKLY PLANS

May 16, 2016

TEACHER: MRS. K

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Virtues: Forgiveness, Graciousness, and Humility

Saying: Hit the nail on the head!

Chapter Book: *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, by Richard & Florence Atwater

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely weekend- the weather was beautiful on Saturday. The first graders and I spent a great deal of time outside last week, and it has had me feeling grateful for the warmer weather and sunshine. Even a few sprinkles didn't keep us from heading outside on Friday afternoon. Thanks again to Bruce and Rachel for a wonderful afternoon investigating pond water samples. Please check out the GoogleDrive folder for more photos from our Passion Project and all of our Nature Explorations this week.

We hit the trails everyday last week to explore the local habitat and to sink our hands into the earth. The children have become little ecologists, and it was a pleasure to watch them explore and interact with the natural world! We used trail maps, designed mapping symbols, and explored native plant species. The children practiced mindfulness in the great outdoors and several of them voiced how much more they "noticed when moving slowly and looking closely for signs of spring". In addition to our outdoor explorations, we are learning how to use informational texts to conduct research on animals. The children are learning to take notes in their journals and to categorize this information. I hope your child is enjoying learning more about the animal s/he chose to research. Please remember that the final report is due on Wednesday, June 1st.

In math we will complete our unit on multiplication and division with a "check in" towards the end of the week. We will also move on to our final unit about money. We will have new spelling words based on our learning about different suffix patterns. Reading bags will continue to be sent home for nightly reading, please be sure to keep up with this routine.

I hope you had a wonderful weekend. Here's to another great week in first grade!

Warmly,
Hope



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Curriculum this week:

Math: Chapter 18: Multiplication and Division (finish up)
Chapter 19: Money

History: We have uncovered our history curricula for the year and will spend the last few weeks reflecting on our studies in oral and writing experiences.

Science: Animal Habitats...animal research, writing riddles, and wrapping up.

Reading: Reading bags will be sent home this week. Please send books back to school on Friday. We will also continue the Core Knowledge phonics and reading program and meet in individualized reading groups to support a range of reading abilities, interests, and needs.

Spelling: This week we will work on our automaticity reading and spelling the following words:

Puppy, puppies, fly, flies, funny, funnier, angry, angrier

Grammar/Writing: First graders will continue working on several writing projects including their very own "How-To" books, an animal research project, and a variety of culminating writing activities to showcase their learning.