# Kelley Class News 

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## Teacher-to-Parents

Dear Parents,
Did you hear about the added day off on November 12th? This was a regular school day, but the Wake School Board decided to make it a non-instructional day for students. This means that students will not be doing remote learning on this day. As a reminder, students also do not have school on November 11th since this is a holiday (Veteran's Day).

This it the last week in October and I think this month has flown by. Soon we will get into November which is a very choppy month with workdays and holidays. Believe me, I need the breaks and so does your child. Please be sure your child is at school when we do have school so he/she won't miss too much instruction. Students will be receiving their first report card in first grade on Friday, November 5th.

Halloween will be this weekend and students are very excited about it. There is a lot of talk about scary movies. One topic that has come up a lot in recent weeks is Squid Game. I have not watched this on Netflix but have heard and read that is an "ultraviolent" movie. Students, including our class, have started playing Squid Game at recess in the form of Red Light, Green Light. I have told students that Squid Game is not appropriate at school especially when students talk about people dying. Please talk with your child about this too.

Have a great week!
Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. King and Miss Golden

## Week-At-A-Glance

## Literacy:

This week the students will finish up their writing to describe their Magnificent Moving Thing. This is a collaborative project. Each student will write one of the sentences that will create their descriptive paragraph. You will get to see these soon. The students are learning about the short vowel sounds and words with the short vowel sound. Students continue to practice writing. They need a lot of practice listening for the sounds in words and writing the letters accurately.
Math: We will continue to learn about how to solve word problems and equations. This week students will have to determine whether a word problem requires them to add or subtract. They will be using multiple strategies to determine this. The students will also be learning how to solve unknown addend equations. Here's an example: 7 + $\qquad$ $=12$. Students can solve this by subtracting or counting on.
Positivity Project/Leadership: Creativity
You come up with new and original ways to think about and do things.
Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw. Balance feels best.

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In This Newsletter


## Kindness Challenge!

We have started a kindness challenge. Parents, you can go to this link: https://bit.ly/ greenkindness or use the QR code below to celebrate your student or staff members who have shown kindness. You can do this as many times as you want! Each response will be recorded and added to a paper chain on display at the school. Challenge ends on OCTOBER 29TH. For each grade level, the class with the most acts of kindness will earn a surprise!


## What's Happening

## Fall Conferences Sign-Up

This is the last week that I will be holding my schedule open for families to schedule conferences. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so soon. I'm looking forward to talking with you about how your child is doing so far in first grade. Once you sign up, I will send you a Google Meet link for our conference. Our conference will be 30 minutes long. I'm looking forward to talking with you. Here is a link: https://bit.ly/Kelley2021 or you can use this QR code.


## Math Strategies

We have worked on two math strategies so far: Make A Ten and counting on. Ask your child to show you how to do this. I am sending a double ten frame so your child can show you this one. They can use cereal, pennies or any small item to use for counters.
We also learned about the counting on strategy and we will learn how to count back as well. Students show their thinking by drawing circles and using a break apart stick. The have also learned to count on from the first number. Counting back isn't as easy for the students, so crossing out the circles is much easier. We will be use counting on to solve missing addend equations. This is what it will look like.


## Scholastic Books

You are receiving Scholastic Book order flyers. This is a great source to purchase books for your home library. You can also look online
 by going here:
https://clubs.scholastic.com/gradel. You can shop for books and order online by going to: https://orders.scholastic.com/ Our class code is: You can have your books delivered to school or to your home. Please note that there is currently a delay due to the global supply chain issues. It may take 5-6 weeks to receive your books.

## Mark Your Calendar

Oct. 25: Last day of Quarter 1
Oct. 27: No school, Teacher Workday
Oct. 29: Kindness challenge ends
Nov 2: No school, Teacher Workday
Nov 3: College T-Shirt Day
Nov 5: Scholastic Book Orders due
Nov 11: No school, Veteran's Day Holiday
Nov 12: Non-Instructional Day, no school
Nov 18: Leadership Showcase, 6:00pm


