

# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Newsletter #12

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## Language Arts

In *Grammar*, we have been 'popping' for verbs as we discovered the verb tenses (past, present, future) by actually popping balloons! In the balloons, the kids found different verbs and worked with a partner to identify the verb tense! It will take some time to master the concept of tenses but we are right on track. In *writing*, first graders start to get a little more complicated, we are working on enriching our sentences using prepositional phrases and adjectives to add interest. You can challenge your kids at home to write expanded phrases too. Coming up: more tenses and a personal narrative. Fun!

## Math

We moved on from 2D and 3D shapes into more interesting and real life related topics! We talked about temperature and thermometers. Now we know that numbers are cool; they can even tell us if it is hot or cold. We also learnt how to use numbers to measure and compare lengths and heights. The kids are excited that they finally put their math knowledge into practice. Coming up: Measuring masses!

## Social Studies

In Social Studies, we left the Ancient Egypt chapter behind us and we are moving on. Over the past week, we finished the "mummified apples" project. It was exciting and the kids did all the archaeological process by themselves (digging, brushing, wrapping mummies). We observed and compared what happened to a piece of apple covered in a mixture of salt and baking soda (trying to simulate the natron that Ancient Egyptians used in the mummification procedure) and what happened to a plain apple! Furthermore, the project presentations were amazing! All the kids came up with great crafts and they could not succeed without your help. Thank you for spending some quality time with your kids at home, learning and creating. They were all so proud that they always mention how much they enjoyed not only creating the sarcophaguses but also finding out interesting facts about the Pharaohs! Next science topic: Energy in nature.

## So you think it was over...!

- *Author's visit:* Paul Delaney visited our school and 1<sup>st</sup> grade took part in a poetry workshop. The main idea was the importance of imagination in a child's academic development. Everyone had a great time and a chance to create his or her own poem.

## Coming up!

- March 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>: Parent-teacher conferences. Please fill out this survey by Friday 13/3.  
<https://forms.gle/W1QjHRpuMZNWk1j1A>
- March 25<sup>th</sup>: School meeting 7-8 p.m.
- March 31<sup>st</sup>: Tea Party, more info soon☺.

Kind regards,

Mr. Harris & Ms. Maria

