

Willard South Elementary (Jan. 2014)

First Grade News

Our word for the month is **ATTITUDE**. To be positive when dealing with others, to act with manners, and to be generous and helpful with others.



Reading: By the end of this unit, your child should be able to:

1. identify character traits and feelings in a story.
2. identify and tell how characters grow and change throughout a story.
3. retell a story using temporal words like *at first, then, next, finally*.
4. work with a partner to understand characters in books by using partner talk and post-its to hold his/her thinking.
5. comprehend accumulating pages of a book into a clear plot, and talk and think in sequence.



Writing: By the end of this unit, your child should be able to:

1. write many books with many sentences and pages.
2. write my own "all-about" book on a topic with his/her expertise.
3. write quick drafts of many books.
4. write about many topics of interest.
5. revise his/her book to add detail and organization.
6. create headings.
7. use expanding vocabulary in his/her topic.
8. use word-solving strategies to write new words.
8. check ending punctuation and capital letters that make his/her writing easier to read.
9. include important details from the beginning.
10. listen to other's ideas to make his/her story better.
11. reread his/her work to add the details that readers might need to understand his/her writing.
12. use text features to organize information.
13. use mentor texts and other sources to add details that will make his/her writing more interesting.
14. check his/her writing to make sure it makes sense and is easy to read.



Math: This month the students will work on the following skills:

- tell time to the hour.
- tell time to the half-hour.



High Frequency Words:

Word List A—the, we, I, it, to, and, a, up, is, at, my, see, go, he, me, do, like, you, on, an, in, can, so, no, am

Word List B—went, will, are, too, this, all, look, be, for, as, get, ball, come, by, got, day, play, did, was, has, had, her, they, him, fun

Word List C—eat, if, jump, man, or, not, mom, out, now, of, put, ran, sat, read, run, she, sit, then, his, say, us, yes, saw, girl, how

Word List D—when, your, about, from, than, away, them, came, big, been, after, who, back, I'm, because, very, could, have, make, any, into, there, were, mother, just

Students should know how to read these words in books and spell these words in their writing.



Special Activities & Announcements:

- +Hat Day is Tuesday. January 7th. Please bring a canned good for the Food Pantry.
- +Second Quarter reports go home on Friday, January 10th.
- +School WILL be in session on Monday, January 20th.
- +Movie Night is Friday, January 24th from 6-7:30 PM in the cafeteria.
- +Our Tiger Pride Assembly will be Tuesday, January 28th, from 2:30-3:30 PM in the cafeteria.
- +Book-It forms are due the last school day of the month (January 31st).
- +With the weather getting colder, please send your child to school prepared to go out in cold weather for recess. Hats, hoods, earmuffs, and mittens/gloves are suggested.

