

# Friday News

## What we do in first grade

This week we have been working on comparing and contrasting two stories. We have been using double bubble thinking maps as well as sentence starters to assist our students. Our goal by the end of the year is for our students to be able to do this independently.

In Spalding this week we continue to practice demonstrative pronouns. We also added a new syllable pattern, which is the suffix pattern. This pattern lets us know that we separate a word when there is an added ending.

**Example ending = end ing**

This week in math we have continued to solve story problems while choosing the best strategy to do so. We also learned a tens game where your child focuses on automaticity of making 10 by choosing two cards that equal ten.

### MATH: Finding friendly numbers

Adding 3 numbers together can be super easy if you look for little hints or tricks along the way. In first grade, we teach students to be on the lookout for addends that equal 10.

7+4+3 is easy if you do 7+3=10, plus 4 more is 14.

We also teach them to look for doubles facts.

6+3+6 becomes 6+6=12, plus 3 more is 15.

Finding those "friendly numbers" like multiples of 10, or doubles facts, can take the 'scary' factor out of tackling math problems!

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### Safety at the end of the day

If a different person is going to pick up your child at the end of a school day, or if your child is going to a friend's house after school, PLEASE let us know - IN WRITING.

Your child's safety is important to us, so we may not be able to let him or her go unless we've heard from you.

If your child is not going home the usual way, please do one of these:

- Call the office and leave a message (480-541-5400).
- Send us an e-mail.
- Write us a note and send it in with your child.

### Words for the upcoming week

1. pass	6. cloud	11. hopping	16. peach	21. sign	26. catch
2. shut	7. draw	12. hop	17. pole	22. space	27. catcher
3. easy	8. drink	13. knife	18. queen	23. wagon	28. kitchen
4. ease	9. garden	14. mouth	19. rope	24. wheat	29. butcher
5. bone	10. goose	15. oak	20. season	25. window	30. black

### Phonograms

ar, th, ng, g, b, ui, ew, ck, tch, sh, f, igh, y, ch, oa, oe, s, n, p, c, er, ir, ur, wor, ear, gu, ph, ed, kn, gn