

# P.S. "The School in the Gardens" 101Q

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## FIRST GRADE NEWSLETTER October

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### NOVEMBER

Writing— HOW-TO's

Reading— Tricky Word Strategies

Math- Addition Concepts

Science— Animal Diversity

Social Studies— Communities

### Upcoming Events

- 10/3 – 10/4 Rosh Hashanah, School Closed
- 10/10- Columbus Day, School Closed
- 10/11 – Candy Sale Begins
- 10/12- Yom Kippur, School Closed
- 10/13- Picture Day
- 10/14 – Parents as Learning Partners 8:15am
- 10/27 – Candy Sale Ends
- 10/31-Class Halloween Parties

### Literacy

Readers continue to build good habits this month. We will continue to get ready to read by: sitting still, finding a quiet spot to read in, look at the cover, title and illustrations and start to think... "What might this book be about?"

Writers will continue to work on small moment stories by: thinking about things that are close to their hearts and special place in their memories. Writers are focusing on making sure their stories have a beginning, middle and end. We are trying to stretch out our stories across 3 pages including details and illustrations.

### Math

Mathematicians will continue to explore numbers and addition concepts which will lead us into the exciting world of subtraction. We are focusing on having the students draw out their mathematical process. In addition, we are using manipulatives to find out best strategy for problem solving.

### Science

How do we...? This is the questions our first graders will be asking themselves as the year begins. Their inquiring minds will delve into the five senses, inquiry skills, and explore the science tools.

### Music

Mr. Sansaricq is aligning his curriculum with our Social Studies unit. He will introduce songs about families.

\*\*\*Parent Note: Please check your child's homework folder each night for notices, homework assignments, and notes from the teacher. Please return any forms that need your signature ASAP.

### Art

Artist will be working on seasonal arts and crafts including cut paper pumpkin mosaics.

### Social Studies

Our first graders will be discussing the roles of different families within our community.