

# What's New in First Grade?

January 30 – February 3

## Curriculum Updates:

It is our fourth and final week, studying Penguins. Today we updated our chart to show what we've learned and it shows such great depth of knowledge and vocabulary. I am excited to watch them put the learning into reality when they "meet" the penguins at the Aquarium on Tuesday.

In Literacy, we were focused on three short vowel sounds – short a, short i, and short u. We have played numerous games and done activities designed to help them differentiate the vowel sounds. We've also "mastered" contractions and continue to work on sentence structure in writing.

In math we have begun GEOMETRY! Scholars love the new challenge of learning new names for shapes (like hexagons and trapezoids!) and arranging them in new ways. I have heard, "this math is fun!" so many times this week!

Books related to this week's theme:

- Non-Fiction Penguin books

## Coming Up Next Week...

An author/illustrator study of Maurice Sendak, author of *Where the Wild Things Are*, *Really Rosie*, *Chicken Soup with Rice* and many, many others.

## Reminders!

TUESDAY is our field trip to the Aquarium. We will leave at 9am, sharp, so please have your scholar here on time. We will eat snack early, before we leave.

**Students need to bring a bag-lunch that does not need to be heated.**

We still have space for chaperones, and would love you or a family member to join us.