

First Grade

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Book Reviews & Authors

AT SCHOOL -

During the first three weeks of school Mr. Cole's class will be focusing on key skills that will provide a strong foundation for learning. Here are some activities you can do with your child to help reinforce the skills they'll be practicing.

Play a matching game to review the words *I, like, do, to, you, he, can, go, a, has* with your child. Write each word on two index cards or pieces of paper. Turn over the cards, mix them up, and spread them out.

Say the word *apple* and have your child say the sound it begins with, say the letter for the sound, and write the letter. Repeat for *insect*. Then say the following letters and have your child find an object or a picture of an object whose name begins with each letter: *m, s, p, t, n, r*.

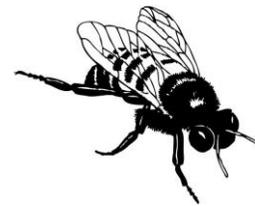
Math & Science Frontiers

INSECTS -

In September, Mr. Cole's first grade entomologists will begin the study of insect life cycles. Students will be observing the larval stage of the Monarch Butterfly and there will also be an introduction to a mealworm's structure and behaviors. Each student will keep two mealworms in his/her desk and attend to the mealworms' needs - food, water, space, and air. Students will be asked to maintain an observational record as they witness molting, pupation, and adult metamorphosis.

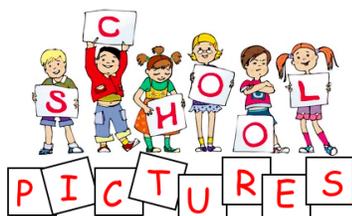
Here are some concepts that your first grader will be introduced to..

LARVA PUPA SEGMENT STAGE METAMORPHOSIS



FRESH OFF THE NEWSWIRE

- Students need sneakers for Phy. Ed.
NO FLIP-FLOPS
NO SANDALS
- School Pictures: **September 18th**



Quote of the Week

Butterflies are self-propelled flowers.

- R.H. Heinlein