

# First Grade

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Issue # 3

## Book Reviews & Authors

### Everyone Can Be a Good Neighbor

Mr. Cole's First Graders will conduct a survey of neighborhoods next week. They will learn about the ways that friends and family members help each other as they explore the question "What clues tell you how a character feels?" There will also be an introduction to realistic fiction and they'll tackle the question "How can you help someone who is scared?" Expect to see a few more nurse rhymes as well!

**Understanding Characters** (infer/predict)

**Initial Consonants:** (b g r h z)

**High Frequency Words:**

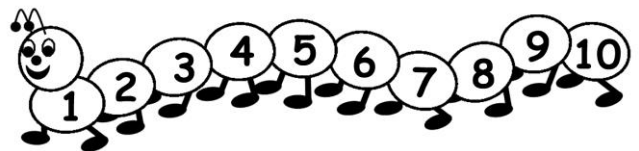
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## Math & Science Frontiers

### Number Sense

Mr. Cole's class has started a math unit designed to build number sense. The emphasis is on understanding how numbers can be made from other numbers: 12 can be made from 6 and 6, from 10 and 2, or from 6, 4, and 2. Being able to take numbers apart and put them back together in different ways forms the basis for a lot of mathematical work that your child will do in the elementary grades.

Students will play games and solve problems in which they break numbers into parts in different ways. For example, looking at a single pattern of 10 dots, some children see it as 2 groups of 4 with 2 extra. As they share their ways of thinking, they learn different ways of breaking 10 into parts.



## FRESH OFF THE NEWSWIRE

- Mr. Cole's first graders will soon be raising Monarchs. The creatures are ferocious eaters and our supply of milkweed is limited. If you have access to milkweed leaves, we'd love donations!
- Check it out!  
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## Quote of the Week

Children are great imitators. So, give them something great to imitate.

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