

First Grade

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Book Reviews & Authors

Buildings All Around -

First graders are now looking into the theme "What makes a community?" They're currently reading literature, both real and fictional, about buildings and how they are made. These stories will help children explore the Big Idea, "What buildings do you know?"

Last week, students dove into the book: *The Pigs, the Wolf, and the Mud*, and discovered what three pigs did when a wolf came to visit!

Phonics Skills:

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Contractions with 's

Words to Know:

could live on then three

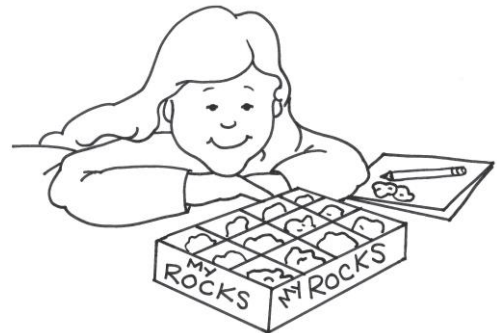
Math & Science Frontiers

Geology -

Mr. Cole's class is getting under way with their investigation of earth materials. Next week students will explore a river rock mixture containing materials of different sizes, and students will learn to separate and group the rocks based on particle size by using tools (screens). There will be discussion about concrete and gravel. This will lead to an experiment with water that produces a fine layer of sand called *silt*. The class will also work with properties of even smaller rock particles, clay. The focus will continue to be the Scientific Thinking Processes of *observing, communicating, comparing, and organizing.*

Concepts:

mixture - particle - earth material



FRESH OFF THE NEWSWIRE

• Readers Of The Week

Gabby Johnson - December 11th

Hunter Munsch - December 18th

• Early Release

December 22nd

• First Grade Giving

Mr. Cole is asking that each first grader bring two "gently-used" books to add to a classroom trading post!



Quote of the Week

These words reveal the child's innermost needs: "Help me to do it alone."

- Maria Montessori