

First Grade

@MrJeffCole1st

Issue # 14

Book Reviews & Authors

Writing Workshop -

Mr. Cole's class has been participating in the *Writing Workshop* for several weeks now and some wonderful stories have been produced. Next week many of the workshop mini-lessons will focus on creating a sequence of steps and using time-order words (first, next, last, finally). First graders are quite accustomed to instructions that occur in every day life. Most routines, activities, and games that children are familiar with have a logical sequence of steps. There is a 1-2-3 order which make them easy to follow. The students in Mr. Cole's room will be writing about these daily tasks such as brushing teeth, putting on socks, and eating cereal. But beware, you may hear about some odd topics at the dinner table, or maybe the topic is the dinner table! Stay tuned for these stories and much more.

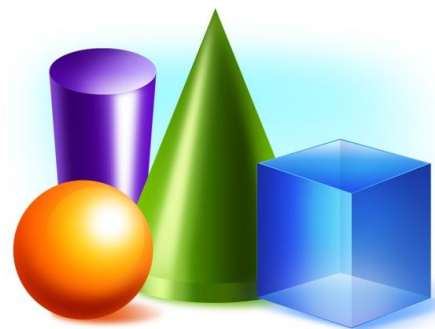
Math & Science Frontiers

Geometry -

First grade started a new math unit last month. It began with students being asked to identify solid objects shaped like spheres, cubes, cylinders, cones, and prisms. They learned to recognize the plane shapes that make up the flat surfaces (faces) of the solid figures, and shared their observations with each other. Expect to hear about the relationship between two-dimensional shapes and three-dimensional figures from your child as well.

Studying the attributes of shapes will lead to a more sophisticated level of geometric thinking. Please help you child become comfortable using these terms:

plane surface face vertex symmetry



FRESH OFF THE NEWSWIRE

• Reader Of The Week

Kenlee Jansen - January 8th

Leo Iglesias - January 16th

- The end of the Second Quarter is January 19th. Report cards will go home the following week.

• Parent-Teacher Conferences

February 12th - 16th



Quote of the Week

There is no failure except in no longer trying.

~ Elbert Hubbard