

# First Grade

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## Book Reviews & Authors

### Animal Teams -

How do animals help each other? Some may seem like odd friends, but they've found good reasons to stick together (food, maintenance, and/or protection). Birds, fish, and insects often serve as great teammates to a host. The non-fiction selection that students will be reading is titled, *Busy As a Bee*. Help your first grader become familiar with terms such as; colony, flock, school, & pride. Can you come up with more? (*How about a murder of crows? YIKES!*)

### Comprehension:

*Points of View*

*Character*

### Spelling (3/15):

*gate, rake, name, bake, fine, bike, hide, mine*

### Words to Know:

*caught, flew, know, laugh, listen, were*

## Math & Science Frontiers

### Data Collection -

As part of the first-grade mathematics program, students will be working on a math unit about data - the facts, or information, with which we differentiate and describe people and things in our world. At this level, your child will be sorting, collecting, and making representations to "tell the story of the data."

First graders will practice gathering their own data through survey questions they ask each other - things like, "Would you rather eat ice cream in a cone or a cup?" and "Do you button your shirt starting at the top or the bottom?" They'll also be sorting data about the different birth dates and ages of the people in their family.

### Key Concepts:

*Sort Data Graph Tally*



## FRESH OFF THE NEWSWIRE

- **March Madness**  
March 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>
- **Quarter End**  
March 27<sup>th</sup>
- **Spring Break**  
3/28 - 04/02



## Quote of the Week

Nothing encourages creativity like the chance to fall flat on one's face.

~ James D. Finley