

March 2024

First Grade Paw Prints

Dominion Trail Elementary School

<https://www.lcps.org/dominiontrail>

Magical March!

March is truly magical in a first-grade classroom. The growth we see is exciting and rewarding. Thank you for your continued support at home! By reading to your child, practicing heart words at home, using math in the real world, and encouraging a sense of wonder, you are showing your children that learning is a life-long process that takes place everywhere.

Reading Workshop

It is a joy to watch the students laugh out loud as they are reading something funny, share a connection they have made with a character, or recommend a book to a friend – these moments make teaching reading to first graders truly special. You can support this joy in reading at home by letting your children see you read and share something you've read. Also, never underestimate the value of reading to your child. [Attached here](#) is an interesting article from NPR about read-alouds.

Writing Workshop

We are continuing our Persuasive Writing unit. We hope you enjoy seeing the finished pieces that the children bring home. During March, we will continue working to write complete sentences using capitalization and punctuation. In addition, we will enjoy some fun spring writing!

Math

We have been working with money, which the children enjoy. Our next math unit is all about measurement. The students will practice measuring using standard and non-standard units. Practicing this at home will help your child process this concept. In addition, we are learning a new song about March that we sing when we talk about the calendar each day! [Click here](#) to check it out.

Science & Social Studies

This month we will continue to learn about some famous Virginians and the contributions they made to their community. In Science, we are beginning to study force and motion. [Attached here](#) is a slide with some great books and videos that we are using. Enjoy!



Reminder

March 5 – Staff Development – no school

March 12 – Spaghetti Dinner/PTA Meeting

March 14 – field trip to Udvar-Hazy museum

March 21 – Spring pictures

March 21 – Family Arts Night

March 25 - 29 Spring Break – no school

Odds and Ends

Reminders:

Be sure to check to see that your child is wearing sneakers on P.E. days. Also, we love to be outdoors. During spring, the weather is changeable. Please remind your child to bring a light jacket or sweatshirt in the backpack.

Homework Notebook

Please continue to support your child with the weekly UFLI practice pages. Each week you will see one or two weekly phonics skills as well as heart words. Ask your child what makes a word a heart word! In addition, the monthly activities sent home to be glued into the homework notebook provide some fun activities to support the learning in the classroom.

Does your child have a public library card? Use the link below to check it out! <https://library.loudoun.gov>

First Grade is Magic!