



Dear Parents,

We have started our new unit in Reading Workshop. The children will be reading across genres to learn about a topic. We have sorted our library into different topics and put books into baggies. The children had so much fun tearing apart our classroom library to find connections between books of different genres. Inside the baggies are non-fiction books, fiction books, realistic fiction books, and poetry all connected by a topic. Some of the topics in our classroom include horses, dinosaurs, farm animals, school, insects, land animals, ocean animals, presidents, transportation, bears, sharks, fish, spiders, ladybugs, dogs, and cats.

We want to encourage our students to be researchers of the world and to know that reading can be a source of information to grow knowledge both about subjects they are experts in and ones that are newer to them. The children will learn how to collect information about a topic through reading non-fiction books and carry that knowledge into their reading of storybooks and poems. They will record what they are learning and work in a group to discuss the information and share it with peers. This aims to give students a well-balanced reading curriculum in the first grade and to prepare them for the work ahead in second grade.

Thank you,

The First Grade Teachers