

# First Grade News

From Waterville Primary's First Grade Team:

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## Curriculum

Reading - Boots for Beth

Language - Telling parts of sentences

Phonics - digraph /th/

Spelling - then, them, this, that, path, with, men, set, was, said

Math - Subtraction

Science - Pumpkins

## Important Dates

Oct. 30 - Book-it Calendar Due

Oct. 30 - Halloween Parade,  
2:30

Oct. 30 - Grade cards

Nov. 11 - Conferences, school in session

Nov. 12 - Conferences, No School

Nov. 13 - No School

Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Program for parents, 10:15 - 11:20

Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Program for grandparents, 9:00 - 11:20

Nov. 25 - 27 - No School, Thanksgiving Recess

## Supplies

As we begin a new quarter, if you haven't been asked to send in supplies recently, please send in a new box of 24 crayons, 2 new

pencils, 2 pencil erasers, and a new glue stick. Thanks!

## Tardy

Students are required to be in the classroom when the bell rings. Students who are still out at their lockers are marked tardy. If your child has unexplained tardies on his/her grade card when it comes home the 30<sup>th</sup>, this is the reason why!

## Word Bits and Pieces

We have added another reading strategy: word bits and pieces. Using this strategy means if your child comes to the word "small" and doesn't already know it, he/she will know to find the word "all", then add the beginning sounds. Or if your child doesn't recognize the word "hand", he/she can find the word "and" and add the "h" to make hand. Let your child's teacher know if you have further questions.

## Spelling

Beginning next week a sentence will be added to the weekly spelling test. We will be looking for a capital letter at the beginning, all words spelled correctly, and punctuation at the end of the sentence. The words will be from previous spelling or vocabulary lists. As you practice spelling words with your child, you might want to have them practice writing a sentence you dictate to them. This would help with the transition. Thanks!