

Dolphin Pod Post

Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School

Upcoming Dates:

9/5 No School (Holiday)
9/14 Early Release 1:20 p.m.
9/14-9/23 Spirit Week
9/21 Back to School Night 7-8:30 p.m.
9/26 No School
9/30 Early Release 1:20 p.m.

Updates/Reminders

-We have snack time every day in our classroom to adjust to our lunch time. Please consider sending a healthy snack with your child (separate from his/her lunch).

-Snack donations of individually packaged items are very much appreciated. Thank you to those who have already donated to support the whole classroom!

-If your child brings a water bottle to school, please

make sure it is labeled with his/her name.

-Masks continue to be optional. However, we will still distribute KN95 masks each week to students who want/need one, and we will also have paper masks available daily.

-If your child will be leaving school a different way than his/her normal mode of transportation, please let the school know before 3:15 p.m. Changes cannot occur beyond this window. Additionally, if you are a car rider and decide to walk in, you will also need to notify the office by 3:15 p.m. and pick your child up outside our cafeteria.

English Language Arts

This year, our first grade students will build literacy and language skills by participating in ten cross-disciplinary units of study in our Benchmark Advance Program. Each three-week unit features a topic, ranging from economics to earth science, history and culture to themes in literature, and more. As students read poems, stories, plays, and informational articles, they will strengthen their reading and writing skills and strategies, participate in meaningful collaborative conversations, and make connections to their other content area studies.

In reading this month...

We will spend the first 20 days of instruction focusing on our foundations and routines. Students will become familiar with our expectations, and they will have plenty of practice before we dive into Unit 1. We will review some of the content that was taught in

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kindergarten to help students refresh their skills. These first 20 days will help set students up for a successful school year.

Math

In math this month ...

We will begin working on Module 1. Students will make significant progress towards fluency with addition and subtraction of numbers to 10. Students will work on breaking apart a total into two parts, showing the number pairs “inside” of a whole number.

Topic A focuses on all the numbers within 10 in *put together* situations, with a special focus on the numbers 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Topic B continues the process of having students compose and decompose by using number bonds and counting on from the first part to totals of 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

In Topic C, students will interpret the meaning of addition from *adding to with result unknown* or *putting together with result unknown* story problems by drawing pictures and writing equations.

In Topic D, students will further their understanding of the *counting on* strategy by using 5-group cards.

Click the link below to learn more about what we are learning in class, as well as some tips for how to help at home.

[Click here for Eureka Math Tips for Module 1](#)

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Social Studies

In social studies this month...

We will begin by discussing rights, rules, and responsibilities at school and at school. Students will then learn about Americans who have made important contributions in the past and present.

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