**Important information and dates**

**October. 3**- Chick-fil-A Fundraising Night  
**October 6** - 12:15 Dismissal / Interim Reports   
**October 9** - No School  
**October 12** - PTO General Meeting 6:30  
**October 15** - Family Fun Day at Johnson's Farm  (Locus Hill Location)  
**October 20** - Country Poster Project Due  
**October21** - PTO Trunk or Treat 6:15  
**October 31** - Halloween Parade 2:00

**Weekly Events**

**October 2-6** - Week of Respect  
**October 9-13** - Friendship Week  
**October 16-20** - School Violence Awareness Week  
**October 23-31** - Red Ribbon Week

**Literacy**

**Phonics:** In the month of October, we will finish unit 3 that includes consonant digraphs. We will begin unit 4 of the Fundations program that deals with bonus letters. The bonus letters are f, l, s, and sometimes z. These letters are often doubled at the end of 4 letter words such as *miss* or *fall.*

**Writing & Grammar:** During the month of October we will continue work on writing 5 star sentences and begin using our knowledge to write different types of sentences. We will start with reviewing telling sentences and then move on to question and exclamation sentences.

**Comprehension Skills:** In reading we will continue to work on identifying story elements and using graphic organizers to answer questions. We will also work on sequencing a story using the words beginning, middle and end.

**October Reads:**   
Pumpkin Town

Pumpkin Jack

Dylan and the Eagle Hearted Chicken

Too Many Pumpkins

Hey Little Ant

Friends

**Math:** In October, we will practice writing and solving subtraction number sentences and simple word problems. We will also begin related facts and discuss the relationship between addition and subtraction. Students will also begin timed-addition tests to build fact fluency.

**Science:** First grade will continue to learn about plants by exploring the life cycle of a pumpkin. As a part of learning about pumpkins, we will take a field trip to Johnson Farms to explore and observe how pumpkins grow. Our field trip will be Tuesday, October 24. Please return your permission slips ASAP!

**Social Studies:** In Social Studies we will begin planning for our Native American Presentations. We will learn about the Cherokee and Chippewa tribes including where they lived and traveled, their clothing, and roles as woman, men and children!

**Character Education**

This month, our Shooting Star will be Respect. We will also celebrate School Violence Awareness Week and Red Ribbon Week!

**First Grade Team Contact Information**

**First Grade 1B**

**Ms. Fairbanks**

[fairbanks@riverbank.charter.k12.nj.us](mailto:fairbanks@riverbank.charter.k12.nj.us)

**First Grade 1A**

**Mrs. Destasio**

[banach@riverbank.charter.k12.nj.us](mailto:Banach@riverbank.charter.k12.nj.us)

**Ms. Korey Co-Teacher**

[korey@riverbank.charter.k12.nj.us](mailto:Korey@riverbank.charter.k12.nj.us)