



# First Grade Newsletter

Brunswick Elementary School

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## Social Studies

Students will begin a new social studies unit titled "Long Ago and Today". During this unit students will explore past technology, communication, games, transportation as well as learn how schools have changed over time. Through this exploration students will be able to answer our driving question—"How do we learn from the past?"

## Valentine Thank You!!!!

Thank you to all the parents who contributed snacks, paper products, Valentine bags, etc... for the party! The students had a great time eating, making crafts or playing games! We truly appreciate all of our volunteers!



## Home-School Connection



Fluent readers read automatically with good word accuracy. You can encourage your child to improve his/her automaticity through timed readings. To play the "Time" game have your child chose a book that is just right for him/her. You and your child can pick a page or paragraph to read. Tell your child that you will time them and see how many words they can read in a minute. Remind them it is not speed reading! Have your child begin to read and start the timer. When he or she is finished, count the number of words read correctly. Then have the child read again and see if he or she can beat the previous correct number of words they read the first time. Have fun playing this reading fluency game!



## WRITING



All students are working on creating opinion writing pieces. Students will write an opinion, give at least one reason to support their opinion, add details, and finish with a closing sentence restating the opinion. Encourage your child to write reviews at home rating restaurants, movies, books, apps, etc...!



## STEM



All first graders will be participating in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) activity in the month of March. In small groups students will design, build and set traps to catch a leprechaun at school. Students will study the lore of the leprechaun in order to help them gain a better understanding of how to lure and trap one! The traps will be placed in each classroom the evening of March 16<sup>th</sup>! More information to come!