



SMALL TALK

December 2020



English Language Arts

Useful words

Digraph

Grammar

Action word

Sentence

Hello 1st graders!

Winter is just around the corner. It means 2nd term is coming to end. We learned lot of **letter sounds** and will now talk about the 5th family group of sounds. Do you know these letter sounds?:

z, w, ng, v, oo, 00

We will also learn how to **write** a **sentence**.

Let's do our best this month!

Mr. Bautista



Arts and Craft

To express feelings without words, that is Art.

Hello 1st Graders!

In Art class this month, we will be **finishing our miniature house**. I am so happy to see all your **amazing** ideas so far. We will also be learning about **warm and cool colors**. Look at the pictures below. Which colors do you think have a **warm feeling**? Which ones have a **cool feeling**?



Useful Words

- Warm
- Cool
- Pattern
- Lines
- Design
- Feeling

Mr. Chia



Physical Education

Useful Words

Forward Skip

Backward
Skip

Jump Rope

Hello 1st graders!

This month, we will be learning different styles of jump rope exercise.

We will do forward jump, backward jump, front-cross, speed jump and double under.

Let's all have a fun and safe P.E!

Mr. Bautista



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Mathematics

Hello 1st graders!

Useful words

Similar

Difference

Use

Make

Calculate

This month, we will do addition and subtraction of numbers within 20. Numbers will be bigger this time and a little bit tricky, but do not worry because we will learn many different styles to do it.

Let's enjoy this month's Math lesson with Mr. B!

Mr. Bautista



Sunny Days



English Language Arts

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

Words to Know
HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

away	call	come
every	hear	said

Grammar

Complete Sentences

Writing

Informative Writing:
Sentences
Focus Trait: Ideas

Subject

Predicate

Complete Sentence

Hello my dear 2nd Graders!



December is here and it is getting **cold** outside! Please keep yourself **warm** and **be careful**! Remember to wash your hands properly, gargle and wear your mask at all times.

This month, we will continue to talk about **Jack and the Wolf**. What did you **learn** from the story?

We will also **write** more **sentences**. Do you remember our "**Sentence Song**"? Please sing it with your family and friends.



Ms. Gundayao



Arts and Craft

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

- Helen Keller



Projects

Eric Carle Art
Collaboration Project

Useful Words

Collage Texture
Layers Contrast
Gradient Technique
Teamwork Idea

Hello everyone!

I love the creativity you have shown when creating your colors and textures in our **Eric Carle Project**. This month, we will continue to cut the sheets that we made and create a picture from them.

We will also finish our **2nd Grade collaboration project**. The theme for 2A and 2B this year is "**Step by Step**". I'm looking forward to seeing the designs that you come up with. Remember to **work together** and **help each other**.

Ms. Gundayao



Physical Education

Word Bank

Forward Jump

Backward Jump

Side-to-Side

Criss-Cross

Vault Box

Jump Over

Winter sports before the holidays!

Hello 2nd Graders!

You guys did very well in your **iron bar exercises** last month! Good job!

This month, we will learn to do various kinds of **skipping** with **our jump ropes** to warm up; we will do various kinds of **ball game activities**; and we will learn how to do various movements with the **vault box**! December will go by fast, so let's **try hard**!

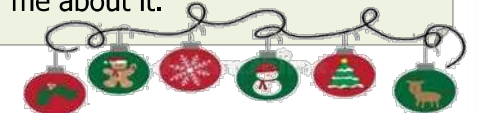
Mr. Smith



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Mathematics

How to reach the moon by folding paper? They said, "You would need to fold a piece of paper 45 times for it to be thick enough to reach the moon."
What do you think? Please tell me about it.

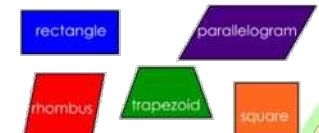


Hello my dear 2nd Graders!

December is here and we will celebrate Christmas soon. Are you excited about it? 2nd term will come to a close soon. Remember to always **do your best** and **listen** to your teachers.

This month we will learn a lot about **triangles** and **quadrilaterals**. Do you know how many **sides** there are in each? How about how many **vertices** there are in each? These are some of the things we will study this month.

Let's **do our best**!



Ms. Gundayao



Shooting Star



English Language Arts

Why is it cold at Christmas?

Because it's Decem-brrrr!



Hello 3rd Graders!

Are you excited for the upcoming merry month? Let's enjoy our last month in the year 2020!

This month we'll review most of what we've learned this year. Do you remember the following?

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| > Synonyms | > Antonyms | > Nouns |
| > Commands | > Homophones | > Verbs |

Ms. Mimura



Useful Q and A Pairs:

Q: Do you _____?

A: Yes, I do.

No, I don't.

Q: Can you _____?

A: Yes, I can.

No, I can't.

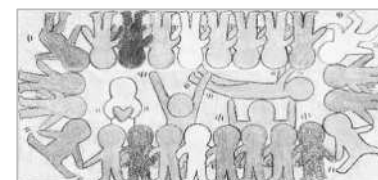


Arts and Craft

Stories from the Past

Hello 3rd Graders!

It's already December! This month, we will be working on our **Keith Haring Collaboration Art**. Thank you for all your homework. We have on a design from each class. I am looking forward to your **team effort** to create a big version of the design for the classroom. Let's do our best!



3A: Be Together - by Noa



3B: All My Friends - by Ryosei

Our Projects

Keith Haring
Collaboration

Useful Keywords

Teamwork
Connect
Contrast
Bright

Mr. Chia



Physical Education

Vaulting into December!

Hi 3rd Graders!

Last month, you guys played **rugby** hard! Good job!

We also began jumping on the **vault box**, so **this month** we will continue learning how to do various movements using the vault box and spring board. As well, we will use our **jump ropes** to warm up and occasionally **play ball games**, too. Nice!

Mr. Smith



Words to Know:

Vault Box
Spring Board
Jump Over
Side-to-Side
Spring
Pose



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Mathematics

What shape has no sides?

If you said **circle**, then you are right!

This month, we are learning circles and **spheres**. Just like in your Japanese Math, we would be using a compass to draw some circles.

What fun pictures can you draw with circles?



Words to Know:

circle
sphere
radius
center
diameter

Ms. Mimura





English Language Arts

Important words:

Should

Could

Character

Setting

Plot

Solve

Digging Deeper in December!

Hello 4th Graders! **Last month**, you did well to learn about **cause and effect** using examples from real life and a story. Well done!

This month, from our story "Frog and Toad Together", we will continue examining the different dynamics of a story: We will **examine characters, setting, and the plot**. Using evidence from the story, we will learn to talk about its characters, plot, and setting in greater detail.

As well, we will learn **new vocabulary and phonics** along the way! This year is almost finished, so let's **finish strong** and use all of the skills that we've learned in 2020! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr. Smith



Arts and Craft

"Every child is an artist."

- Pablo Picasso

Hello everyone!

It's the last month of 2020 and we have had a very interesting journey this year.

This month, we finish our **Pinball Game** project and have some time to **play and review our friends' games**. As some of us will finish faster than others, so let's do our best to **help our friends**. If we have some remaining time, we will work on a simple **collaboration art** project.



Useful Words

marble
gameplay
design
spinner
launcher
hammer
nails
varnish

Mr. Chia



Physical Education

Happily Skipping and Vaulting into the Holidays!

Hi, 4th graders!

You guys are doing very well in your **iron bar exercises**! Good job! We will begin this month with our final week of iron bars. After that, we will head back up to the arena to begin jumping on and over the **vault box**!

The vault box can be a little dangerous, so we will **begin lightly** but **gradually level up** our skill. Heading into the holidays, we may also include some **jump rope** and **ball playing activities** as well! **Happy Holidays**!

Important words:

Vault Box

Spring Board

Jump On

Jump Over

Pose

Mr. Smith



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Mathematics

Round Numbers and Calculations

Hello, 4th graders!

Last month we finished learning about **area**. Everyone was able to understand **how to find area** very quickly. Great work!

Our next topic in Math class will be about **round numbers**. You have been studying this in Japanese Math class, but I wonder how we can do it **in English**? Let's learn about it in December!



Mr. Bond





English Language Arts

This Month

Phonics

Common Final Blends: nd, ng, nk, nt, ft, xt, mp

Target Vocabulary

chopped	disrupt
branches	snail
pond	hang
birds	winding

High-Frequency Words

animals	second
long	she
know	sleep
most	there
myself	work

Comprehension Skills and Strategies

TARGET SKILL

- Text and Graphic Features
- Using Context

TARGET STRATEGY

- Questions

Spelling

Common Final Blends: nd, ng, nk, nt, ft, xt, mp

next	hunt
and	stand
camp	long
sank	stamp
sing	pond
drink	bring

Grammar

More Plural Nouns

"What are animal homes like?"

Hello everyone!

December is here and we will be continuing to read our Anchor Text about **Animal Building Homes**. I've been very impressed with your effort to improve so far.

We have been learning and practicing **how to use context to understand new words**. This is a very important learning skill that can be used in a lot of different situations. We will also be working on improving our creative writing skills.

Let's have fun and do our best for the rest of 2020!



Physical Education

Let's get pumped up!

Hello, 5th graders!

Great work playing **handball** last month. Everyone worked together and could enjoy playing. It's great to see all students **having fun** doing sports.

This month we are going to do many different **strength training** exercises. It is important to increase our overall **physical fitness**. We will work on: strength, endurance, and **hand-eye coordination**. Let's do it!



Mr. Bond



Arts and Craft

"Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up."

- Pablo Picasso

Hello my dear 5th Graders!

Happy December! Let's make it a **December to Remember!**

It's getting **colder** outside so please keep yourself **warm** and try not to **catch a cold**. Always wear your mask, gargle and wash your hands too!

It has been a challenge to complete our projects on time, but thank you for your **great effort** and **wonderful job** on your **Wire Figure Model**. I'm impressed with your *patience, attention to details and hard work*. I can't wait to see your final output. Let's keep going! You can do it!

Artwork Showcase *in progress



YOU GOT IT!

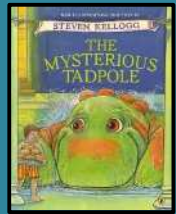


Ms. Gundayao





English Language Arts



Hello 6th graders!

Great work on your tests last month. We tried to take our English test on the iPads for the first time. It was a good experience for everyone.

Our next Journeys lesson is about the life cycle of a mysterious tadpole. I'm sure you know that tadpoles grow into frogs, but the tadpole in our story is not an ordinary tadpole! Let's enjoy reading this interesting story together!

Mr. Bond



Physical Education

Jumping Machines!

Key Words

cardiovascular
endurance
circulatory
stamina
pace

I hope all of you had fun playing basketball last month! We will continue to play basketball at the beginning of December as well.

This month we are going to practice jump rope - so don't get rid of your jumping shoes yet! Jump rope is an excellent form of exercise! It is a great way to increase your cardiovascular strength - that means the strength of your heart and lungs. Let's get our blood pumping!

Mr. Bond



Arts and Craft

No matter what people tell you, words
and ideas can change the world.

- Robin Williams

Hello 6th Graders,

The colored wood carving has taken much longer than what I expected. Some of us will finish quicker than the others. When we do, we will help those who have not finished. With any extra time we have, we will try to create structures using disposable chopsticks and glue guns.

Here are some artwork by students who have completed the Wood Carving Project.



Let's give it our best for the rest of 2020!

Mr. Chia



Our Projects

Wood Carving - School Memories

Useful Keywords

balance vertices
nature points
imagination wireframe
abstract