



SMALL TALK

January 2021



English Language Arts

Useful words

Pattern

Sentence

Hello 1st graders!

I hope you had a wonderful winter vacation!

Did you travel anywhere?

This month, we will continue to learn more phonics sounds. We will also study new useful sentences.

Let's have fun English lessons this month!

Mr. Bautista



Arts and Craft

"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?"

Hello 1st Graders!

I hope you had an fun Christmas and New Year! I am looking forward to all the **amazing work** we will be doing this year.

For our first project of the year, we will be **making a beautiful kite** that we will fly outside during our Life Studies lesson. What would you like your kite to look like as it flies high up in the sky?

Did you know that there are **different kinds of kites** around the world?


New Zealand



Malaysia



China

Useful Words

- Build
- Tie
- Fly
- Bright
- Colorful

Mr. Chia



Physical Education

Useful Words

Mat

Stance

Roll

Hello 1st graders!

I hope you are well.

This month, we will do mat exercises. We will learn how to do a **bridge**, **side roll**, **forward roll** and **backward roll** on mat nicely.

Let's enjoy our P.E class!



Mr. Bautista



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Mathematics

Hello 1st graders!

Useful words

Length

Width

Long

Wide

Container

How was your winter vacation?

In Math class this month, we will be doing measurements. We will measure how long and wide the objects that we see everytime.

We will be measuring water as well.

Mr. Bautista



Sunny Days



English Language Arts

Hello 2nd Graders!

Happy 2021! I hope you had a wonderful time with your family. I can't wait to hear your stories.

This month in Journeys, we will learn about **How animals communicate**. Do you know how animals talk to each other?

Can they hug each other? Can they say "Thank you", "You're welcome", "I'm sorry", and "Please"? Let's find out! Let's have an awesome 2021!



Ms. Gundayao



All Words to Know HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS		
animal	how	make
of	some	why
Spelling		
Short i		
in	sit	
will	six	
did	big	
Grammar		
Commas in a Series		
Vocabulary Strategies		
Using a Glossary		
Writing		
Informative Writing: Poetry		
Focus Trait: Word Choice		

Arts and Craft



"The Earth without 'art' is just Eh..." Unknown

Hello my dear 2nd Graders!

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I would like you to know how proud I am of your 2nd Grade collaboration project. You were fantastic! Thank you for working together and helping each other. Job well done!

This month, we will be learning how to use cutter knives. Have you used one before? Whenever we use a sharp tool, it is very important to remember and follow safety rules so we don't hurt ourselves or our friends.

Let's have fun, safely, together!



Projects

One Month Calendar
Fancy Haddress

Useful Words

Blade Control
Sharp Smooth
Straight Mat
Imagine

Ms. Gundayao



Physical Education

Word Bank

Forward Jump
Backward Jump
Front Cross Jump
Jogging Jump
Double Under
One-legged Jump

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2021, 2nd Graders!

I hope your holiday was a blast! Now that you're rested, let's get back to work! In December, we learned to jump on and over the vault box, and you guys did great! Well done!

This month, we are learning to move our bodies with rhythm and exercise and continuing to warm up with our jump ropes!

Let's keep trying our best with our friends!



Mr. Smith



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Mathematics

Can you find all of the multiplication facts that equal 48? How many can you find? Please give it a try and share it in class!

Hello my dear 2nd Graders!

Happy New Year! I wish you all a new year filled with prosperity and joy. I hope you had a great winter vacation too!

This month we will continue to learn about the rules of multiplication. Although most of you can calculate very well, in this unit we will learn about the different ways we can look at a multiplication sentence.

Let's do our best!



Ms. Gundayao



Shooting Star



English Language Arts

Happy New Year!!!

2021

Useful

Keywords:

alike
different
compare
contrast

Hello 3rd Graders!

I am looking forward to moo-ving onto the New Year with you! This month, we will be learning how animals are **alike** and **different** in our anchor text, **Animal Groups**.

What makes cows different from birds? What makes cows and goats alike?

Ms. Minura



Arts and Craft

Nothing we do can change the past, but everything we do changes the future.

Hello 3rd Graders!

Happy New Year to all of you! You did very well on your collaboration art!! I was very happy with how hard you tried to paint neatly and also how you worked together as a team. We will put the artwork up in our classrooms on Jan 9th.

This month, we will be working on our **Future Shop** project. What do you think buildings will look like when you are 99 years old? How different would they be? Let's exercise our imaginations for this project and create our own Future Town Together.



Our Projects

Future Town

Useful Keywords

Shape
Materials
Future
Unique
Roof
Features

Mr. Chia



Physical Education

A New Beginning in 2021!

Happy New Year, 3rd Graders!

I hope you had a great winter holiday! Now that you're rested, let's get back to work. Last month, we learned to jump on and over the vault box, and you guys did well!

This month, we're learning to play Soft Volleyball. We'll bump, volley, and more! Don't forget your jump rope, too!

Mr. Smith



Words to Know:

Net
Serve
Volley
Bump
Spike
Finger Tips



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Mathematics

What shape has 3 sides?

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

This month, we will continue to learn about **decimal numbers** and then we will learn about triangles.

Can you draw a triangle with two sides of 2.5cm and one side of 5cm?

Also, can you find triangles around you?



Words to Know:

triangle
isosceles triangle
equilateral triangle

Ms. Minura



Bright Steps

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English Language Arts

Important words:

Around

Be

Help

Next

Take

Until

What is the perfect pet like?

Happy New Year, 4th Graders!

I hope you guys had a wonderful winter holiday!



Last month, we were learning about character, setting, and plot in a story. This month, we are thinking about what the perfect pet is like. First, we will review Subjects and Predicates, and we will learn new vocabulary words. Next, we will read about a boy and his dog in "Henry and Mudge" and think about the story's order of events. Last, we will review the short vowels *a* and *i*. Let's ask lots of questions and improve our skills even more!

Mr. Smith



Arts and Craft

"A picture is a poem without words."

- Horace (65 BC - 8 BC)

Hello everyone!

Welcome to the year 2021! This month we will begin two projects. We will be studying about **positive and negative space** in art. This project will help us prepare for our wood carving project which we will be starting at the end of this month.

Positive space refers to the main focus of a picture while **negative space** refers to the background. When we think about it creatively, we can create very interesting pictures from the composition alone.



Sky and Water by MC Escher (1938)



Useful Words

positive

negative

space

symmetry

composition

background

Mr. Chia



Physical Education

Important words:

Look ahead

Lean forward

Swing arms

Lean to the ~

Pass a baton

Running head-first into the New Year!

Hello PE lovers!



I'm sure you all ate a lot of good food over the holidays! Now it's time to get **back into shape**! Last month, we were learning how to **jump on and over a vault box**, and you guys did very well!

This month, we are learning how to **run better, marathon-style**! We will practice our running **technique**; we will practice how to **pass a baton** to our teammates; and we will practice jumping over **hurdles**. To keep warm outside, we will continue our jump rope warm-ups. Let's do our best!

Mr. Smith



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Mathematics

Decimals!

Hello, 4th graders!

This month we are going to **delve into** the world of **decimals**! This is a topic we covered last year, but this year we will learn even more. For example, how can you write $\frac{1}{100}$ or $\frac{1}{1000}$ as a decimal? We will learn about this and more in January!



Mr. Bond



Special Times

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English Language Arts

This Month

Phonics

Target Vocabulary

ocean	understand
fact	opinion
difference	future

High-Frequency Words

the	and
is	of
in	to
that	with

Comprehension Skills

Anchor Strategies

- 1. IDENTIFY THE MAIN IDEA
- 2. IDENTIFY THE MAIN IDEA
- 3. IDENTIFY THE MAIN IDEA

Spelling

Contractions

for	for
of	of
to	to
that	that
with	with

Grammar

Future Tenses

"What is special about animals that live in the ocean?"

Hello everyone!

I hope you all had a fun with your family over the break. This month, we will move ahead in Journeys but continue to focus on our theme of *understanding non-fiction books* and also checking the *difference between facts and opinions*.



Our next anchor text is called "The Life of Jellyfish" by Twig C. George. Personally, I have always been interested in ocean life. I always thought they are beautiful and amazing so I am looking forward to learning more in this unit.

We will also be improving our grammar by learning about *future tenses*.

Mr. Chia



Physical Education

Soft Volleyball!

Hello, 5th graders!

Last month we had a lot of fun with *jump rope* and various *strength training* exercises. This month we will return to an *old favorite* - *soft volleyball*!

Last year we played this game together. This year, let's take more care to play *by the rules* and *increase* our skill. I'm sure everyone will get better!

Mr. Bond



Arts and Craft

"Everything you can imagine is real."

- Pablo Picasso

Hello my dear 5th Graders!

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school! I hope you had a wonderful time with your family.

Congratulations on doing a *great job* on your *Wire Figure Model*! *Artwork Showcase*



This 3rd Term, we will begin our *5th Grade Woodwork Project*. For this project, we will be *making our own whiteboard* that we will be able to use at home for different things. During the project, we will learn how to use an *electric jigsaw* safely to cut our wood into shapes and also paint on wood.



blade

on/off switch



Ms. Gundayao



Useful Words

Jigsaw
Blade
Curve
Machine
Safety



English Language Arts



Hello 6th graders!

Welcome back from **winter vacation**! I'm sure everyone had a **relaxing time** at home. I hope you are excited to be back and are ready for your **last term** of elementary school!

This month we will read a **fictional story** about Mr. Keene and his fine school. What makes a **good school**? How are learning at home and learning at school **different**? These are some of the questions we will think about as we read our Journeys textbook.

Mr. Bond



Physical Education

Ball Sports

Key Words

shoot

pass

intercept

block

foul

This month we will continue playing **basketball** and **soccer**. Last month we had only one chance to practice soccer, so this month let's play it more!

On **Mondays** we will go outside to play soccer. On **Wednesdays** we will play basketball in the Arena. Let's have fun again this month and increase our **skills and knowledge** in both sports!

Mr. Bond



Arts and Craft

Everything changes as you get older - your mind, your body, the way you view the world. - Antonio Banderas

Hello 6th Graders,

I cannot believe it is already your final term in elementary school. Did you have a good break? The **next 3 months will fly by very quickly**. For our first project this term, we will be using what we learned before to push our levels higher. We will be making a **2-point perspective drawing**.

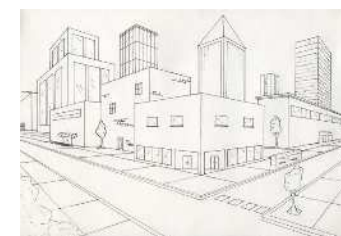
In the 4th grade, we made drawings with one vanishing point. This time, we will make drawings with two vanishing points. It will be challenging but I am sure we will create some outstanding work.

Our Projects

Two - point perspective drawing

Useful Keywords

vanishing point	features
horizon line	shadows
structure	



Mr. Chia

