

SMALL TALK



English Language Arts

Rain rain go away!

Tricky Words

- all
- you
- your
- come
- some
- said
- there

The 1st Graders want to play!

Hello 1st Graders!

We have had lots of fun, learned lots of things, and made lots of new friends! Let's keep it all up!

From the second term, we will aim to learn more phonics, more tricky words, more vocabularies, and even grammar!

I hope you spend your summer vacation well!



Mrs. Hart



Arts and Craft

There are no mistakes in art!

Hello 1st Graders!

You have been doing very well so far! Are you enjoying being an elementary school student? I have had a lot of fun with you so far this term!

In Art classes, we have explored different colors and had fun making some colorful mini umbrellas for the rainy season.

This year, we will learn about a lot of different things such as lines, space and even a famous artist! I'm looking forward to all the wonderful little worlds that we will create together!



Mr. Chia



Physical Education

Let's do a P.E. reflection...

Hi 1st Graders!

We have learned many things in P.E. so far! We learned how to line up well, do Shujitsu Stretching, do the Gurenge dance, take sports tests, and more! Well done, everyone!!!

In July, we will level up our ball throwing skills! After that, we will learn to play fun ball throwing games!

Don't forget to line up quickly and quietly, and remember to drink lots of tea or water because it is hot!

Useful Words

- Eye contact
- Hands forward
- Look forward
- Line up
- Quickly
- Quietly



Mr. Smith



Mathematics

1st Term Thoughts

Hello everyone!

This 1st term has been so fast! We just started Math class in May, but it has been a lot of fun. I hope you have enjoyed it too! We have practiced how to count, write numbers in English, and how to make 10. We have even started addition and subtraction.

I'm looking forward to seeing what you can do in the 2nd term! Have a nice summer vacation!

Useful Words

- plus
- minus
- equals
- increase
- decrease

Mr. Bond



Sunny Days



English Language Arts

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

Words to Know
HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

all	does	here
me	my	who

Comprehension Skills and Strategies

TARGET SKILL

- Text and Graphic Features
- Author's Word Choice

TARGET STRATEGY

- Question

Spelling

Short e; Consonants y, w

yet	wet
web	leg
pen	hen

Grammar

Adjectives

Vocabulary Strategies

Alphabetical Order

Who are the people in your neighborhood?

Hello my dear 2nd Graders!

You are doing **well** this **1st Term**. I am so proud of you! It's getting hot and humid so please drink lots of water, okay?

This month, we will continue our Journeys lesson entitled "**Lucia's Neighborhood**". Can you **describe** and say something about the places we've seen when we went around Shujitsu **neighborhood**?

Let's use some **ADJECTIVES!**

We will also read about "City Mouse and Country Mouse" and try to re-enact the scenes from the story.

Let's have fun learning English!

Ms. Gundayao



Arts and Craft

"Colors can speak to the soul in a thousand different ways".

- Oscar Wilde

Hello everyone!

This month we will continue to use our **paint set** and finish our **Rainbow Fish Project**. Are you excited? Let us try to paint **neatly** and **carefully**.

Remember these steps:

1. **Wash** and **rinse**.
2. Make a **rocket** (dry your brush).
3. **10 yen** size (paint).
4. Paint from **outside**.

I am looking forward to doing lots of painting projects with you!

Let's **enjoy** and have some **cool** art works!



Ms. Gundayao



Our Projects

Painting Practice
The Rainbow Fish

Useful Words

water palette
bucket cloth
balance mix
rinse brush



Physical Education

Running head first into July!

Hello 2nd graders!

Last month, we played many different **ball throwing** games and moved like many different **animals!** Well done!!

In **July**, we will practice running in different **relays** and play some **tag games!**

Let's do our best before the holidays!



Mr. Smith



Useful Words

Leap
Point
Turn
Move like ~
Mimic
Copy



Mathematics



Lucia has a bag of ¥ 10 coins. She wants to buy a hamburger for ¥ 550.
How many ¥ 10 coins does she need?

Hello my dear 2nd Graders!

Summer vacation is almost here! Are you ready to **go out** and have some **fun**?

This month we will keep moving at a **faster pace**. We will study about large numbers up to **1000**. It may seem easy, but it can be tricky, so be extra careful. Let's recall our **place value** ones, tens, hundreds and get to know more about **thousands**.

One more thing, in this chapter we are learning about **how many 10s** there are in a number. Do you know how many **10s** there are in **1000**? If time permits, we will also learn about **volume of water**.

Ms. Gundayao



Useful Words

thousands
One thousand
Greater than
Less than
Compare
Volume

Shooting Star



English Language Arts

July is here!

Words to Know:

- blue
- little
- water
- cold
- live
- where
- far
- their

Hello 3rd graders!

It is getting pretty hot! Let's enjoy the last few weeks of school before our **summer vacation** starts!



This month, we will learn different kinds of **plants** and **animals** that are found at sea with our new anchor text, "At Home in the Ocean".

Here's a clue for one of the topics that we will learn:
Can you name a few sea animals and beaches?

Mrs. Hart



Arts and Craft

"It's all about having fun and feeling good!"

- Marissa Campbell

Hello 3rd Graders!

This month, summer is just around the corner! It has been amazing to see how much you have grown these few months. We have finished all the scheduled art projects for the 1st term. You have worked so quickly on your work! As we only have two lessons in July, we will be having a little bit of fun in Art class.



Our Projects

- Optical Illusion Art
- Swift Playgrounds

Useful Keywords

- forward
- toggle
- turn
- group
- collect

Mr. Chia



Physical Education

Time Flies in July!

Words to Know:

- Backwards Spin
- Back Roll
- Forward Spin
- Front Roll

Hello 3rd graders!

It's already July!? It'll soon be time for Summer vacation!



Last month, we began our training with the **iron bars** and **hurdles**. We will **continue it in July**, but on very hot or rainy days, we will do **mat exercises** in the arena.

As always, let's stay hydrated and always do our best!

Mr. Smith



123 Mathematics

Everyone is a mathematician!

In June, we started learning about **tables** and **bar graphs**. We will continue to learn about them in July! This time, we will **gather** and **analyze data**.

Which sport is **most** liked? Which is **least** liked?

Sports	Number of Students
Soccer	9
Softball	4
Basketball	6
Other	3

Words to Know:

- table
- bar graph
- tally
- most
- least
- cell

Mrs. Hart





English Language Arts

Important words:

- Author
- Conclusion
- Detail
- Fact
- Guess
- Purpose
- Want to

Food for thought in July

Hi 4th graders! Summer is almost here!!

Last month, we finished studying **nk** and **ng** words, we studied some **new words** (such as *under* and *ground*), and we began reading the new **anchor text**, *Where Does Food Come From?*

In July, we will revisit **what an author does**, we will **think again about facts and details**, and we will try to **make guesses**, or “conclusions”, about what the author of the story wants to tell us.

Let's finish strong before the summer holidays!



Mr. Smith



Arts and Craft

Why fit in when you were born to stand out !

Hello 4th Graders!

We have started on our **Silhouette Art** project and I have been impressed by all your amazing ideas! It's also very good to see how much you have improved your control when using cutter knives! We only have a few lessons left this month so let's have a great one!



Let's have a fun month and look forward to the summer break!

Useful Words

- Gradation
- Value
- Silhouette
- Balance
- Outline

Mr. Chia



Physical Education

Important words:

- Aim
- Base
- Catch
- Gap
- Outfield
- Score
- Tag

Having a ball in July

Hello again, 4th graders!

Wow! It's really getting hot outside!

Last month, we finished our **sports tests**, and we began playing Kick Baseball.

This month, we will continue to play **Kick Baseball**, increasing our kicking and fielding skills little by little.

Again, bring your tea bottles and drink lots of fluids!



Mr. Smith



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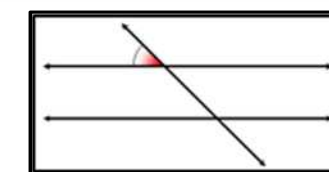
Mathematics

Get in line!

Hello, 4th graders!

All of you did an **excellent job** studying about **angles** last month! We learned how to use a **protractor** to measure angles and to draw them! We also learned that there are so many angles around us, but that **right angles** seem to be the **most common** in our classroom.

This month is short, but we are going to start studying about different **lines** and **shapes**. For example, **perpendicular** lines, **parallel** lines, and various **quadrilaterals**. We won't have time finish this month, so let's think about it over the summer too! It's time to **get in line!**



Mr. Bond



Special Times



English Language Arts

This Month

DIARY OF A SPIDER
Key Question: How do good friends act?

Target Vocabulary
insects, dangerous, sticky, rotten, screaming, breeze, judge

High-Frequency Words
by, sheer, could, hello, hundred, mind, play, read, see, today

Comprehension Skills and Strategies
TARGET SKILL
• Cause and Effect
• Figurative Language
TARGET STRATEGY
• Summarize

Phonics
Long Vowels: e, i, o, u
Sounds for g

Grammar
What is a Noun?

“Small actions every day leads to big results.”

Hello everyone!

It's the last month of the 1st term. You have all done an **amazing job** and I am so proud of you! I loved how your **collaborated** (*worked together*) to create your 6 sentence story animations.

This month, we will finish our Journeys unit about Dogs and then start our next unit. The anchor text for this unit is called “*Diary of a Spider*” by **Doreen Cronin**. We will practice the Phonics section for this unit this month then read the anchor text when we come back to school in August. You can [click the book below](#) if you want to listen to a reading for the anchor text.



Have a great summer everyone!

Mr. Chia



Physical Education

Key Words

swing

belly button

forward

Jump as far as you can!

Hello, 5th graders!



This month, we will continue to work on our **long jumps**. The distance that you have been able to jump **gradually been increasing**.

As we challenge and push ourselves further, it is important to **stay cool and hydrated** (drink enough water) as the summer heats up!

Keep up the good work!

Mr. Bond



Arts and Craft

You can't use up creativity, the more you use, the more you have. - *Maya Angelou*



Hello 5th Graders!

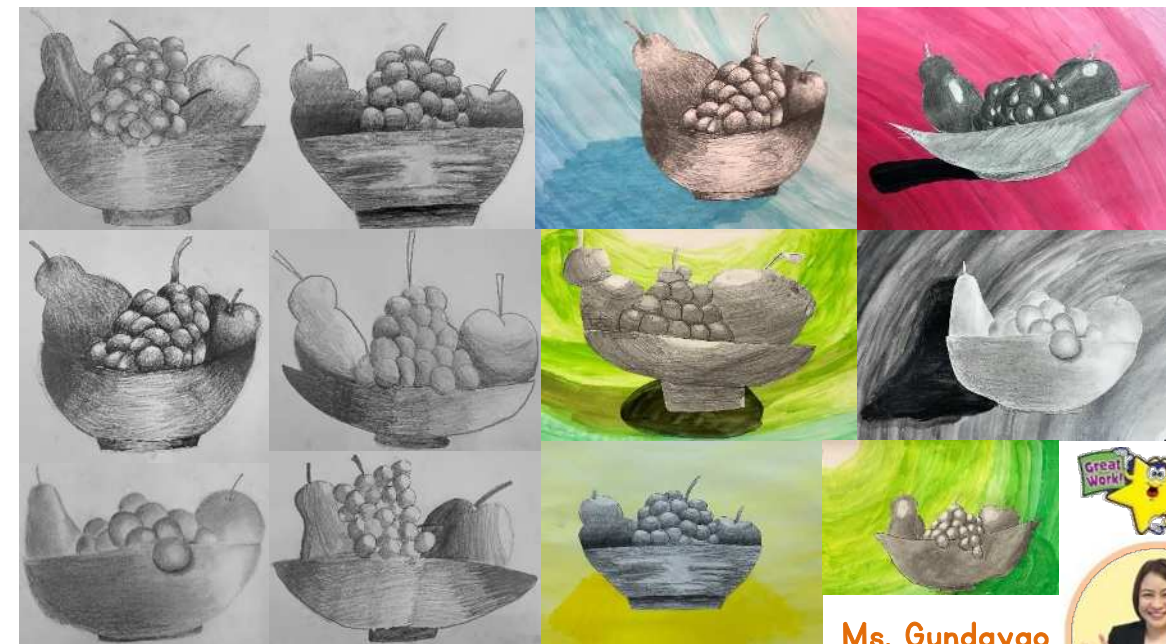
Time flies really fast and soon, 1st Term will come to an end. It has been a challenge to complete our projects on time, but thank you for your **great effort** and **fantastic job** on your artworks. Keep it up!

In July, we have very limited time in Art so we will do our best to apply the different techniques that we have learned as well as pencil control, soft touch when shading and gradation in painting. Always remember your light source too! Darken the outer part to create the **illusion of depth**. Don't forget the shadow part.

We only have one art lesson in July and our goal is to complete our **Still Life Sketch**. Here are some of your friend's artwork. I am impressed at what you have done so far. **Job well done!**

Useful Words

- Value
- Shading
- Line spacing
- Cross hatching
- Stippling
- Shadows
- Highlight

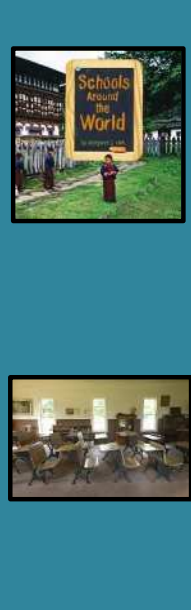


Ms. Gundayao





English Language Arts



Hello, 6th graders!
Last month you put a lot of **effort** into learning about **music**. We learned some new **music-related** words and ideas. You also had a chance to try using the **Garage Band** app. Your Hickory, Dickory, Dock Remix pieces were very **exciting**!

This month is very short, but we are going to continue having fun in class. We have finished **Ah, Music!** and will move on to the next chapter - **Schools Around the World**. Let's find out about the different kinds of **study environments** children have in different **parts of the world**.

Mr. Bond



Physical Education

Key Words

- Strike zone
- Overhand
- Underhand
- Layup
- Dribble
- Pivot

Having a ball in July!

Hello 6th graders!



Last month, we began playing **Tee Ball** on sunny days and **Basketball** on rainy days, and **July** will be nearly the same.

We will attempt to transition from Tee Ball to **Softball**, learning how to pitch, hit, and use all bases. In **Basketball**, we will attempt to improve our distance shooting, layup ability, and dribbling. Let's do our best!

Mr. Smith



Arts and Craft

"Art is too important not to share."

- Romero Britto

Hello 6th Graders!

Almost everyone is done with our **favorite place in school** project. I wish I could put everyone's pictures in this newsletter but there is not enough space.

This month we will be **working together in groups** to create our **short stop motion animation**. We will be using the story that you have studied in English lessons "**Click, Clack, Moo**" as the base structure for our animations.

Artwork Showcase



Our Project

- Stop Motion
- Animation

Useful Words

- Background
- Foreground
- Frame
- Storyboard

Mr. Chia

