



English Language Arts

Useful Keywords

- Action words
- Verb
- Movement

Hello 1st graders!

This month, we will learn about the letter sounds on the 6th word group. Do you know these letter sounds?

y, x, ch, sh, th, **th**

By this time, we already know many different **sounds** and can read **words** and **simple sentences** as well.

In grammar lessons, we will learn about words that shows action or movement. Have you heard of the word **verb**? Don't worry, we will learn a lot in our class.

Let's do our best!

Mr. Bautista



Arts and Craft

You are the important link!

Hello 1st Graders!

December is here and Christmas is around the corner! I love all the miniature houses that you made. They were all very cute, interesting and very, very SPECIAL!

This month, we will work on a collaboration project. Collaboration means to work together to achieve a goal. We will be creating a **Warm and Cool Colors** artwork together and also a small **Christmas** artwork if we have time.

Useful Keywords

- Together
- Collaboration
- Warm
- Cool
- Hand Prints



Mr. Chia



Physical Education

Winter Jump!

Useful Words

- Fold
- Jump
- Skip
- Twist
- Timing

Hello 1st graders!

We learned how to **fold** and **bring** the jump rope properly. We also learned some of the jump rope style.

This month, we will continue learning other jump rope styles.

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



Mr. Bautista



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Mathematics

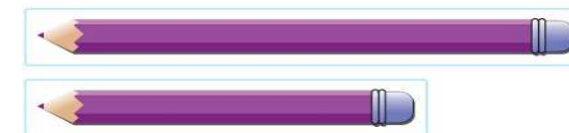
Nice to meet you!

Hello everyone!

This December, we will learn how to solve **addition** and **subtraction** of **word problems**.

We will also learn how to **measure** different objects in our classroom.

Which is longer?



Useful Words

- Altogether
- In all
- Are left
- Long
- Short
- Longer
- Shorter

Mr. Bautista



Sunny Days

December 2021



English Language Arts

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

Words to Know
HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

away	call	come
every	hear	said

Spelling

Short a

an	had
bad	cat
can	ran

Writing

Informative Writing: Sentences
Focus Trait: Ideas

Grammar

Complete Sentences

Vocabulary Strategies

Shades of Meaning

Hello 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 learn **subject** and **predicate**. Do you remember our "Sentence Song"?



Ms. Soo



Arts and Craft

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**.



Projects

Eric Carle Art

Useful Words

Collage Texture
Layers Contrast
Gradient Technique



Ms. Soo



Physical Education

Word Bank

Lock

Thumbs

Spread out

Shoulder-width

Vault box

Leaping into a winter wonderland!

Hello, 2nd graders!

Last month, we finished on the **iron bars**. You tried so hard! Well done!!

This month, we will learn how to **jump on and over the vault box**.

If time remains, we will play some fun games before the end of the year and **Christmas begins!**



Mr. Smith



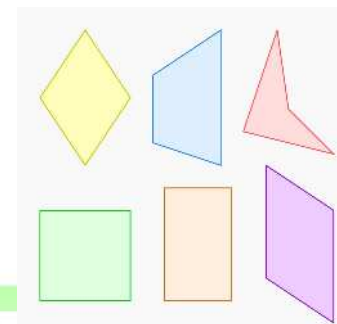
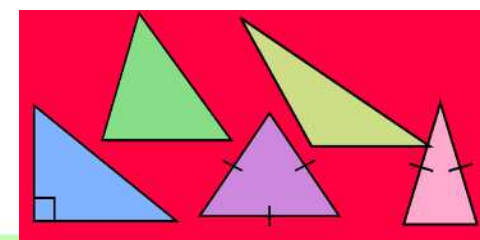
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Hello kids,

December is here! Are you ready for Christmas? What's your favourite thing about Christmas?

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.



Ms. Soo



Shooting Star



English Language Arts

Adjectives List:

smaller -> smallest

longer -> longest

newer -> newest

colder -> coldest

Q: Why is it cold at Christmas?

A: Because it's Decem-brrrrrr!

Be ready for some Christmas spirit! Let's enjoy our last month in the year 2021!

This month we'll learn more about adjectives. In the 2nd grade, you learned that adjectives are words that describe nouns.

We will also look back at what we have learned this year.

Do you remember the following topics?

- Synonyms/Antonyms
- Commands
- Nouns
- Verbs

Mrs. Hart



Arts and Craft

Stories from the Past

Hello 3rd Graders,

You did an amazing job on your Wood Art. I love all your creative ideas and I am glad you use the equipment well!

This month we will create some **Australian Aboriginal Art**. Aboriginals are the people who originally lived in Australia. Their work can be found inside caves and some are **more than 20,000 years old**! A lot of their artwork tell different kinds of stories using symbols. Let's try to create our own story. If we have time, we may do a **Christmas Project**.



Tap "View Original" then tap here to watch a video.

Our Projects

Aboriginal Art
Christmas Project

Useful Keywords

symbols
Earthen colors
Message
culture
cotton bud

Mr. Chia



Physical Education

Words to Know:

Take-off

Land safely

Standing jump

Running jump

Upper body

Leaping into the holidays!

Hello 3rd graders!

Last month, we finished tag rugby and began to play **long jump games**. Well done!

This month, we will continue to **develop our long jump skills** even further. If we have time before the end of the year, we can play even more games!

Indeed, it is **almost that time of the year!** Do your best!

Mr. Smith



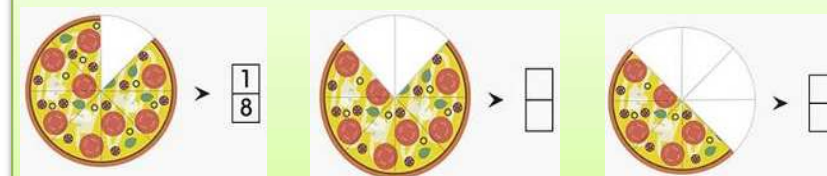
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Mathematics

Let's have a pizza party!

This month, we will learn about **fractions**. This topic is a little tricky, so to make it easier to understand, it is common to **represent** fractions using pizzas! Are you ready for some yummy treats?

Can you represent how many pizzas were eaten in a **fracation?**



Words to Know:

fraction
numerator
denominator

Mrs. Hart





English Language Arts

Important words:

- Poetry
- Repeat
- Rhyme
- Compare
- Character
- Setting
- Plot

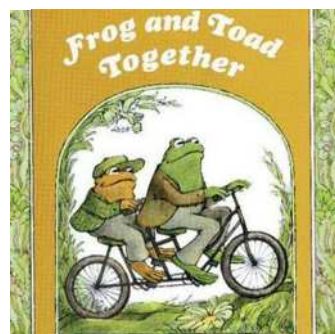
Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells!

Hi 4th graders!

Great job reading "Little Rabbits Tale"! I was very impressed with your comprehension of the story!

In **December**, we will begin by comparing the text to something called a "poem". We will **learn to write a poem**. After that, we will **study new vocabulary**; and after that, we will **begin a new story** called "Frog and Toad Together". We will especially **think about the characters, setting, and plot** of the story.

Christmas is almost here, so let's **do our best!**



Mr. Smith



Arts and Craft

"You are the artist and the art."

- Bryant H. McGill

Hello everyone!

Happy December! I hope you are all excited about Christmas. I'm secretly wishing that it will snow in Okayama this year. This month, we will be working hard to **complete and print our wood carvings** this month. You have done very well so far and have been **improving your control of our carving tools**.

I am looking forward to seeing **all your wood prints** at the end of the project.

Useful Words

- carving tools
- print
- ink
- balance
- smooth
- edge



Mr. Chia



Physical Education

Important words:

- Spread
- Fingers
- Width
- Support
- Body weight
- Belly button
- Pose

Merry Mat Exercises

Hello, guys!

Last month, we trained on the **iron bars** and improved our skills! Thanks for your hard work!

In **December**, we will begin doing **mat exercises** in the arena. It will be important to know our **goals**, know how to carry the **equipment** safely, and follow the **rules**, so listen carefully to instructions and have fun!

Let's **do our best** until the end of the year!!!



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, nt, nt, ft, st, mp

Target Vocabulary

shaped, branches, ground, built.

High-Frequency Words

animals, four, house, myself, second, who, sleep, there, work.

Comprehension Skills and Strategies

TARGET SKILL

Text and Graphic Features

Using Context

TARGET STRATEGY

Question

'Tis the season to be jolly!

Hello everyone,

It's December now and a lot of the leaves have already turned red. Have you taken a walk to a park recently? Did you see any animals? What were their homes like? How did they build it?

Our Anchor for this month text is a non-fiction *informational text* called *Animals Building Homes* by *Wendy Perkins*.

As we read the anchor text, we will *think about how photos and titles help us understand* what we are reading better. Also, great job with your past tenses! Let's keep moving forward!



Tap here to listen



All I want for Christmas

Mr. Chia



Physical Education

Increase the heat!

Keywords

roll
bridge
handstand
spring

Hello, 5th graders!

Great work last month in our P.E. classes! We actually missed several lessons *due to holidays, etc.* So, we are going to continue our *mat exercises* for most of December. Let's try our best to get the basics. After that, we can work on more *challenging* skills!

As always, don't forget to bring your *jump rope*. It is a great way to *warm up* and increase your *cardiovascular* fitness.

Mr. Bond



Arts and Craft

Work hard, be kind and amazing things will happen!

Hello everyone!

Christmas is coming up soon! Are you excited? What's your favourite thing about Christmas?

Everyone has started painting their Wire Model, and I'm happy that everyone is working hard. Remember to focus on the small details. Here are some pictures of your progress!

Useful Words

Legs
Arms
Joints
Features
Joints
Frame
Torso

Wire Model Figure: In process

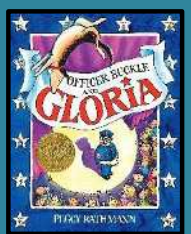


Ms. Soo





English Language Arts



Hello, 6th graders!
Last month went by so quickly, **didn't it**? It is already the end of 2021. I'm **already** looking forward to **2022**!

In December, we are going to continue our lessons with **Officer Buckle and Gloria**. We have learned many things about safety in the story. At the same time, it is interesting to think of different ways a fictional story can **relate** to our real lives. Let's keep reading!

Mr. Bond



Physical Education

Key Words

- strength
- endurance
- persevere
- hold
- rhythm
- speed

Feel the power!

Hello everyone!
Last month we **hit the mats** hard! Everyone got better at something, which is our **overall goal**. Whether you got better at rolling or doing a handstand, I'm **proud** of all of you.

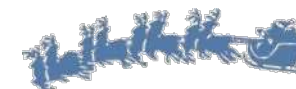
December is a shorter month for us, but we are going to work on improving your **strength** and **endurance**. Can you feel the power?

Mr. Bond



Arts and Craft

"You only fail when you stop trying."



Hello 6th Graders!

Happy December to you. As we are getting close to the end of 2021, I want to tell you that **you have done an awesome job** this year. Here's a picture of all your Music Boxes together. Aren't they wonderful?



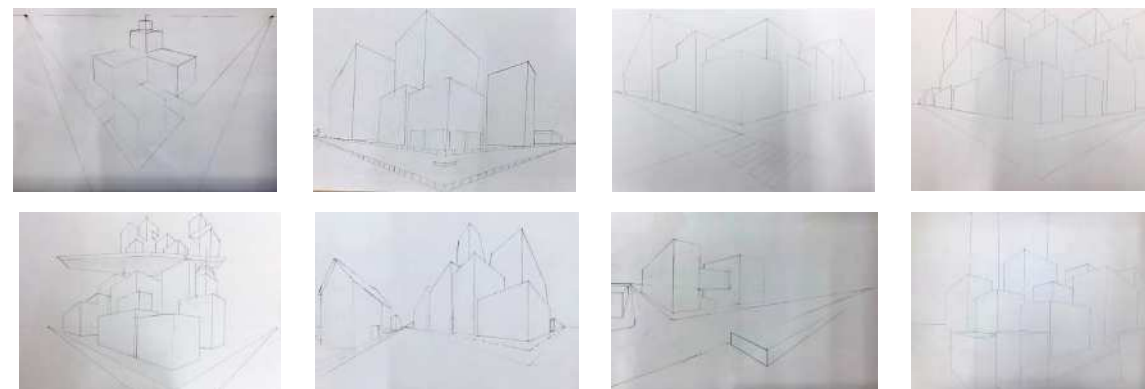
Our Project

2 Point Perspective

Useful Words

- vanishing point
- horizon line
- structure
- features
- shadows
- parallel lines
- orthogonal lines

You have also done well to work on your **two point perspective drawings**. It's a work-in-progress but it is very exciting to see what you have done so far. This month, we will continue to work on them. **Keep challenging yourself!**



Mr. Chia

