

# Step by Step

October 2023



## English Language Arts

### Useful words

cooler  
country  
journal

What do you call a witch who goes to the beach?

**sand-witch**

Hello awesome First Graders!

Fall is finally here! Let's enjoy the cooler days ahead.

I know you really enjoyed your first **SWCC experience**. I'm sure you learned a lot from all the countries you visited. Which country was your favorite?

This month we are learning the next group of **phonics sounds** -- **b, ai, j, oa, ie, ee and or** and how to write a **journal**.

Let's keep doing our best this month!

Mrs. Maligad



## Arts and Craft

Hello 1st Graders!

Happy Autumn to all of you. I've been having **so much fun with you in Art class** while we learned about lines and color. I love the work that you made while we studied **Van Gogh's art**.

This month we will be starting our **Miniature House project** and you will need to **bring a box and some recycled materials** to school. I am very excited to see what kind of house you will build.



Tap here to listen to a story.

### Useful words

Build  
Together  
Join  
Rooms  
Furniture

Mr. Chia



## Physical Education

Hello 1st Graders!

### Useful words!

bar  
grip  
balance  
hang  
power

We just finished our swimming school. You all did great there!

This month, we will start learning the skills in **iron bar**. We will learn how to hold the bar properly, balance our body and hang.

Let us practice together this month!

Mr. Bautista



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## Mathematics

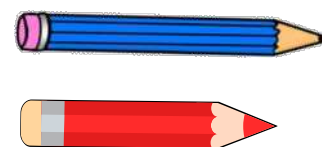
Hello 1st Graders!

**1-2-3! Let's go!**

Great job learning **data and time** last month! You are now able to tell time by the **hour and half past** in English. That is awesome! I think you are ready to make your own **daily schedule**!

Then we will learn about **length**. Finding out which object is **long and short** sure sounds interesting! I hope you are excited to discover more things!

Which pencil is short?



Whose hair is longer?



### Useful words

daily  
schedule  
long  
short  
length  
compare

Mrs. Maligad





# Sunny Days

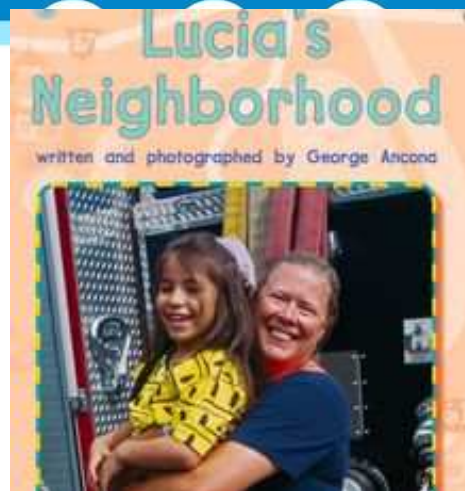


## English Language Arts

Hello 2nd Graders!

This month we'll be looking at **initial blend sounds** and what words we can make with them. An example of an initial blend sound is **gr** for **grass**! Can you think of other initial blend words?

We will also be looking at our new anchor text- **Lucia's Neighborhood**. We will learn more words about different **buildings**!



Ms. Soo



## Arts and Craft

Hi boys and girls!

Everyone's doing a great job with their **Giraffes can't dance** project. I think a lot of people have been painting **beautiful starry skies**, amazing!

The next project we will be making is called **A World of a Magical Egg**. We will design an egg, **crack** it, and see what **magical world** we can make out of it! Wow!



### Useful words

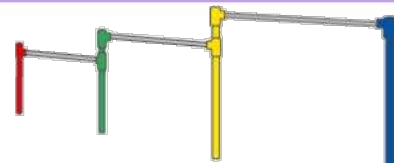
- crack
- magical
- world
- imagine

Ms. Soo



## Physical Education

Hello, 2nd Graders!



We finished vault box jumping and started **ball throwing games** last month. You are doing very well!

In October, we will do ball throwing games a little more, and then we will start having **fun on the iron bars**!

### Useful words

- overhead
- overhand
- from the side
- open space
- lock thumbs



Mr. Smith



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## Mathematics

Hope you're doing well, 2nd Graders!

We've just finished with **division**, it was a little **challenging** but I think everyone had tried hard so well done!

For our next topic, it's an interesting one- we'll be looking at **money and how to count them**! We will be looking at how to count **Australian money**!



### Useful words

- dollars
- cents
- count
- how much?
- total

Ms. Soo





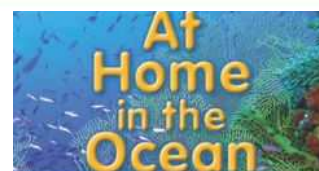
# Shooting Star

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## English Language Arts

Hello everyone!



**Wordbank:**

- synonyms
- purpose
- common
- proper

This month, we will continue reading our text called **At Home in the Ocean**.

We will talk about **common nouns** and **proper nouns** and the differences between the two.

We will also learn about the **purpose** of the author in writing the story.

Let's do our best this month!

Mr. Bautista



## Physical Education

### SPORTS WARRIORS

Hello 3rd graders!

**Wordbank:**

- bar
- garter
- stance
- run
- jump

We just finished our swimming school. You all did great there!

This month, we will continue practicing **high jump**. We will focus on the **3 important things** in improving this skill. First is your **stance**, next is your **run** and last is your **jump**.

Our goal is to **clear the bar** and **land safely** during high jump activities.

Let's go!



Mr. Bautista



## Arts and Craft

Hello 3rd Graders!

Due to some scheduling adjustments, we are moving our Light and Shadows project towards the end of the year. This month, we will **focus on our Wood Art**. It has been very interesting seeing all your **creative ideas**. I'm looking forward to the artwork that you create.

Our first priority when working **saws and hammers** is always **safety**. We have started using saws to cut our wood and sandpaper to smoothen our wood. As we add more parts over the next few weeks, it will be interesting to see how our **art changes over time**.



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## Mathematics

HELLO 3rd GRADERS, **Number Heroes**

You are all doing great so far.

This month, we will be learning about **measurements**. We will specifically talk about **lengths**.

Do you know how to measure the length of an object? Have you heard of the words **centimeter**? How about a **meter**?

We will do lots of fun activities this month. Let's do our best!



**Wordbank:**

- measure
- length
- height
- long
- ruler
- measuring tape
- meter
- centimeter

Mr. Bautista





# Bright Steps

October 2023



## English Language Arts

Hello 4th Graders!

**Congratulations** on finishing your first **SWCC** as hosts! Your presentations were very interesting, informative, and interactive! I think **everyone tried hard**. Good job!

Welcome back to English class! We will begin **Journeys Lesson 19**. We will review **words with oa and ow** (such as "oak" and "snow"), we will learn **new words to know** (such as "soon" and "done"), and we will **read the new anchor text**, a "biography" about a boy named Tomas Rivera.

### Word bank

- biography
- history
- past
- sequence of events
- order



Mr. Smith



## Arts and Craft

Hello everyone!

This month, we will finish our **One-point Perspective Art Gallery** project and start working on our **Pinball Game project**. I loved all your ideas for the perspective art project.

In this project, we will be using **saws, hammers** and **nails** to create our game and work on our painting skills to make our game artwork "pop". When we work with woodworking tools, the policy that we have in our art class is always "**safety first**". Let's do our best together!



### Wordbank

- |         |          |
|---------|----------|
| marble  | launcher |
| gimlet  | hammer   |
| design  | nails    |
| spinner | varnish  |



Mr. Chia



## Physical Education

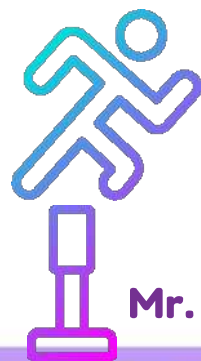
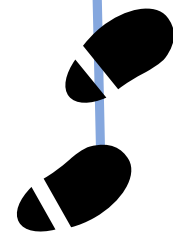
Hi, again!

You improved your **high jump** skill nicely last month! Well done! We will finish high jump in early October.

Next, we will begin doing **hurdle running** and **long jump** outside or in the arena. Let's remember to keep running with **rhythm** to do our **takeoff** well!

### Word bank

- run-up
- rhythm
- takeoff
- landing



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## Mathematics

Hi, 4th graders!

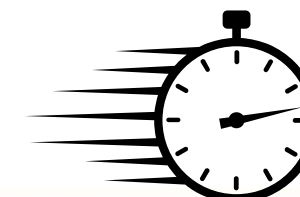
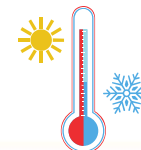
I had a great time seeing all of you working hard on your **3D towns** last month! They were really well done and very **creative**.

This month we will continue working with **money** and **money calculations**. However, we will finish quickly! Once we finish, we will move on to the concepts of **temperature and time**. How are these two ideas related? Let's find out!



### Helpful Words

- time
- duration
- Celsius
- thermometer
- related



Mr. Bond







## English Language Arts

**Teacher's Pets**  
Key Question  
How is a school like a community?

**Target Vocabulary**

wonderful	share
noises	noticed
sprinkled	bursting
	suddenly

**High-Frequency Words**

both	little
odd	long
set	says
find	table
green	we

**Comprehension Skills and Strategies**

**TARGET SKILL**

- Story Structure
- Author's Word Choice

**TARGET STRATEGY**

- Visualize

**Phonics**

Consonant Blends with c, l, s

**Grammar**

Singular and Plural Nouns

**TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE**



This quote is important for our sea school!



Hello everyone!

Fantastic job on your SWCC! I'm sure you will agree that you have grown so much in this one year. We also have one of the 5th Grade events this month that you have been looking forward to: **Sea School**.

We will also try to pick up the pace and catch up on the units that we have missed while working on our **past tense**. Our song for the month is "**Brave**" by Sara Bareilles. Can you guess what "**brave**" means?



Listen to this month's song here.

Mr. Chia



## Physical Education

Let's jump over life's hurdles!



Hello, everyone!

Last month everyone had excellent **motivation** toward the vault box. I'm really **impressed** with **how well** you are **progressing** with this skill each year.

This month we are going to **head back outside** and start running again! We will work on jumping over the **hurdles** and improving your skill in this area. It is important to get a good running **rhythm** down. We are going to practice jumping the hurdles with **3-steps** between each hurdles. Don't forget to bring your outside shoes!

### WORD BANK

- hurdle
- interval
- lead foot
- landing
- rhythm

Mr. Bond



## Arts and Craft

**ART IS NOT WHAT YOU SEE, BUT WHAT YOU MAKE OTHERS SEE.**

Hello 5th Graders!

The cool weather is coming, are you excited for it too? I have been very impressed with your designs from the **Mixed Media** project.

When we are done with this project, we will begin working on our **wire models**. In this project, we will be focusing mainly on **forms of body positions**. In this project, we will use clay, wires, needle-nosed pliers and our paint sets to study human forms. I am looking forward to all the **dynamic** and **expressive** models you will create.

### Useful words

- sculpt
- model
- paint
- details
- varnish
- pose

### Mixed Media Art Showcase



Mrs. Maligad







## English Language Arts



Hello, 6th graders!

Last month all of you worked extremely hard on your **Shujitsu World Cultural Celebration** project. I was excited to see how **thorough** your research and preparation really was! I'm sure the younger students had a very **memorable** time as well.



This month, we are heading **back to school again**. That is, we are going to learn about different schools **around the world**. What are some of the things we do at our school, that may not be done in schools in other countries? **Likewise**, what do other schools do that we do not?

Perhaps you already have some good examples. Please **share!**



## Physical Education

### Hurdles!



- hurdle
- lead foot
- interval
- landing

Hello, everyone!

Last month we had a great time finishing up the **vault box** exercises. I was quite impressed with how **energetic** you were about this skill. I think **each and every one of you** tried your best and improved in some aspect.

It's finally starting to **cool off** a bit, so we will take our PE classes outside when it's not raining. This month we are going to work on the **hurdles**. Of course, if you like running, this will be a fun unit for you. However, even if running **is not your strong suit**, let's try to get into a good **running rhythm** that will allow you to enjoy the unit as much as possible. Bring your **tea bottles!**



## Arts and Craft

*"Logic will take you from A to B.  
Imagination will take you everywhere."*

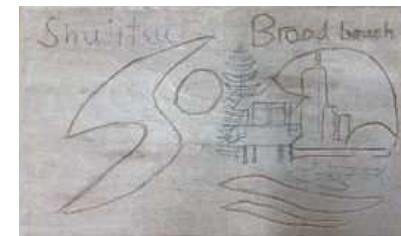
- Albert Einstein

Hello 6th Graders!

It has been a hectic month with **SWCC**, and all of you did a great job. I have been very impressed with the **level of focus** that you all have when we work on our art projects. Some of us have begun painting our music boxes and it's **starting to look very beautiful!**

The 2023 song list for the music box is not out yet but when we get it, I will send out a **Google Form** for you to choose your song!

Here are some of your artwork that are quite interesting!



Our Project  
Music Box

Useful Words

- Carve
- Depth
- Lines
- Texture
- Water Balance