



## Literacy

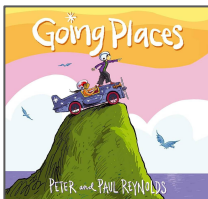
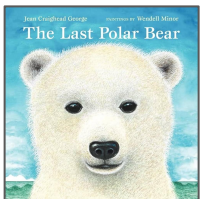
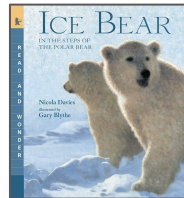
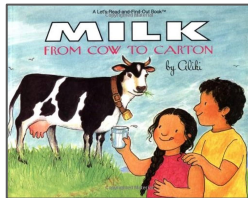
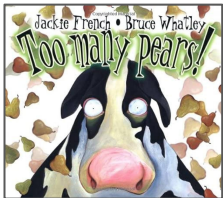
### Interactive Read-Alouds

We will listen to and discuss the following books:

**Text Set:** **Genre Study:** Exploring Fiction and Nonfiction

**Essential Questions:** What are the characteristics of each genre? What was the author's purpose when writing the book?

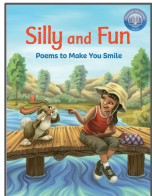
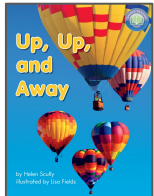
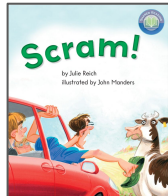
**Texts:** *Too Many Pears!* by Jackie French, *Milk: From Cow to Carton* by Alike, *Ice Bear: In the Steps of the Polar Bear* by Nicola Davies, *The Last Polar Bear* by Jean Craighead George, *On the Go* by Ann Morris & *Going Places* by Peter Reynolds and Paul Reynolds



### Shared Reading

We will read the following texts and poetry together:

**Texts:** *Scram!* by Julie Reich, *Up, Up, and Away* by Helen Scully, & *Silly and Fun: Poems to Make You Smile* by multiple authors



### Word Work

Our next unit focuses on words that include the glued or welded sounds **-am** e.g. *jam, ram, yam, slam, scam* and **-an** e.g. *can, pan, man, fan, ran, van, than, plan, scan* etc.

### Readers' Workshop

Our reading minilessons will explore the differences between fiction and nonfiction.

Our reading principles are:

- Fiction books are stories that are made up in the author's imagination
- Nonfiction books are about real people, real places, and real things
- Fiction books tell stories that have characters, a problem, and a solution
- Nonfiction books tell true facts and information about a topic

### Writers' Workshop

We will write stories with an attention to the key elements of fiction including setting, character, problem, and solution.

Our writing principles are:

- Describe where the story takes place
- Draw where the story takes place
- Describe the characters or people in the story
- Use shapes to draw people

## Upcoming Events



Wednesday, December 3rd  
**MORNING MEETING IN THE MPR**



Thursday, December 4th  
**WINTER CONCERT PreK thru 2nd**  
Students must arrive @ 4:45 pm



**Date: TBD**  
**FIRST GRADE PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**



Monday, December 18th  
**PTA GINGERBREAD HOUSE EVENT**

## Mathematics

### Topic 5: Work with Addition and Subtraction Equations

We will discover that the equal sign means both sides of an equation have **the same value**. We will decide whether equations are true or false and find the missing number in equations. We will also learn about the Associative Property of Addition—specifically that three numbers can be grouped and added in different ways, and the sum will always stay the same.



## Science



### Topic 2: The Sky

**Science Experience:** **Observe the Sun, Moon, and Stars**

We will continue to observe how the amount of daylight changes throughout the year and compare the daylight in different seasons. We will learn that these changes happen because Earth is tilted, causing different parts of the planet to receive more or less sunlight at different times of the year.



## Social Studies



### Topic: Celebrating Our Country

In this topic, We will explore the many ways we celebrate our nation through symbols, monuments, holidays, and the people who have shaped our history.

In our first lesson, we will gain an understanding of how the United States government works by learning what the Constitution is, why it is important, and how it helps our country. We will also explore the Bill of Rights, the right to vote, and freedom of speech.