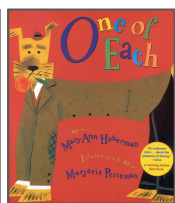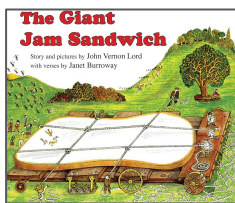# First Grade News

Literacy

Interactive Read-Alouds
We will listen to and discuss the following books:
Text Set: Having Fun With Language: Rhyming Texts
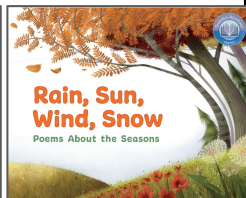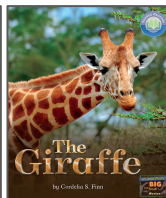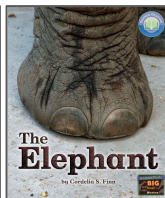**Essential Question:** What makes these stories fun to read together?
Texts: *Mrs. McNosh Hangs Up Her Wash* by Sarah Weeks, *Sitting Down to Eat* by Bill Harley, T*he Day the Goose Got Loose* by Reeve Lindbergh Harley, *The Giant Jam Sandwich* by John Vernon Lord & Janet Burroway & *One of Each* by Mary Ann Hoberman

Shared Reading
We will read the following nonfiction informational texts and poetry together:
Texts: *The Flamingo, The Elephant, & The Giraffe*, by Cordelia S. Finn & *Rain, Sun, Wind, Snow: Poems About the Seasons* by multiple authors

Word Work
We will continue to review letter names, letter sounds, and letter formation.

Readers' Workshop
Our reading principles are:
Strategies and Skills: Monitoring, Searching and Self-Correcting
- Look at the picture and think what would make sense
- Read the sentence again and get your mouth ready for the first sound.
- Read the sentence again and think about what would make sense, sound right, and look right.

Writing About Reading
- Collect your thinking in your Reader's Notebook
- Draw and write about yourself and the things you love

Writers' Workshop
Our writing principles are:
Establishing Independent Writing
- Put your writing in your writing folder
- Return your writing materials to where they belong
- Reread your writing to think what to do next

Learning About Self and Others Through StoryTelling
- Tell stories about yourself
- Tell stories about things you did
- Tell stories about places you don't want to forget.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 17th
MORNING MEETING IN MPR

Wednesday, September 17th
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Tuesday, September 23rd & Wednesday, September 24th
NO SCHOOL - ROSH HASHANA

Wednesday, September 25th
PTA PARENT SOCIAL

Mathematics

Topic: Understand Addition and Subtraction
We will focus on change unknown or missing addend word problems. E.g. Jack has 2 pencils. He gets some more pencils from a box. Now he has 9 pencils. How many pencils did he get from the box?
We will discover that we can use both addition and subtraction equations to show situations with a missing part or addend.
E.g. $2 + \underline{?} = 9$ known part + missing part = whole/total
     $9 - 2 = \underline{?}$ whole/total - known part = missing part

Science

Topic: Light and Sound

Science Experience 1: Investigate Sound
We will conclude our exploration of sound.

Science Experience 2: Observe Light
We will plan and conduct investigations that provide evidence that objects can only be seen when illuminated.

Social Studies

Topic: Being a Good Citizen
Questions:
What are the rights and responsibilities of citizens?
How should citizens treat each other?
- Good citizens treat others fairly and with respect.
- Good citizens help others in their community and make their communities better

Why do we vote?
- Americans have a right to vote for their leaders
- Voting is a way that citizens make choices fairly