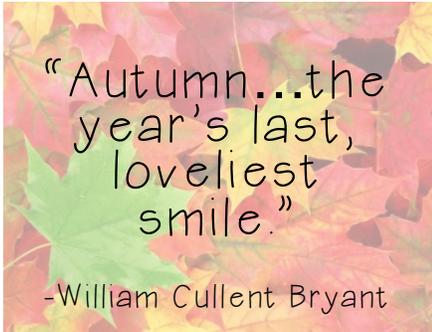


# PEEK AT OUR WEEK

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Happy Fall! What a wonderful season of color, changing leaves, pumpkin-flavored everything, football games, and more! I am so happy to spend this season learning, exploring, and laughing with your wonderful, inquisitive, caring, absolutely darling children!

A few curriculum highlights (different subjects may be highlighted each week as the material changes):

## Reading

We will be reading all about weather this week; skills include reading/writing words with short i, identifying possessive nouns, writing captions, and understanding characters. It is truly wonderful to see the joy students have in reading and realizing that they are readers! Keep up the wonderful reading at home together!!

## Science

We are have been learning about scientific processes and will continue to do so for the next few weeks! Our STEM activities include exploring what scientists look like, what they do, and what tools they use. We will become first grade scientists ourselves as we make predictions and observations in a few "experiments" (more to follow!).

## \*A note about homework\*

Homework is each student's responsibility & is intended to be a review to reinforce concepts we've already studied in class. If your child is breezing through homework, that's a good sign! It means your child is listening & has probably mastered the appropriate skills for completion. If so, I ask that you check for accuracy, neatness, & quality work.

Please ensure that your child has an optimum homework setup (a quiet place to work, ample light, a chair and table to sit at, a pencil & crayons, etc.). Students should be writing in pencil.

All this helps homework time go more smoothly & builds good study habits.

If you'd like to give your first grader a little extra homework, then...play a game, read, write a story or a poem, read, build something, read, do a puzzle, read, produce a quality piece of art, read, practice math facts, cook together, read, take a walk & observe nature together, read, visit our math websites (more information to come on this soon!), etc.

## Upcoming Events

September 27th

Summer Reading Pancake Breakfast

October 3rd

Soup Kitchen item due!

October 11th

Teacher Inservice-- No School!

October 22nd

Field Trip to Remlinger Farms

## Reminders

- \* Please turn in the Field Trip Permission Slip (attached to this newsletter) as soon as you are able to!
- \* Keep reading 20 minutes to fill in a star on the Home Reading Logs! We count up our stars every Friday, so please leave your child's Reading Log in his/her folder every Friday.
- \* We are selling magazines, let's go 1A!!

# A PEEK INSIDE OUR CLASS



## What Does a Scientist Look Like?

Students brainstormed what a scientist looks like and what tools they use as an introduction to our Scientific Processes unit



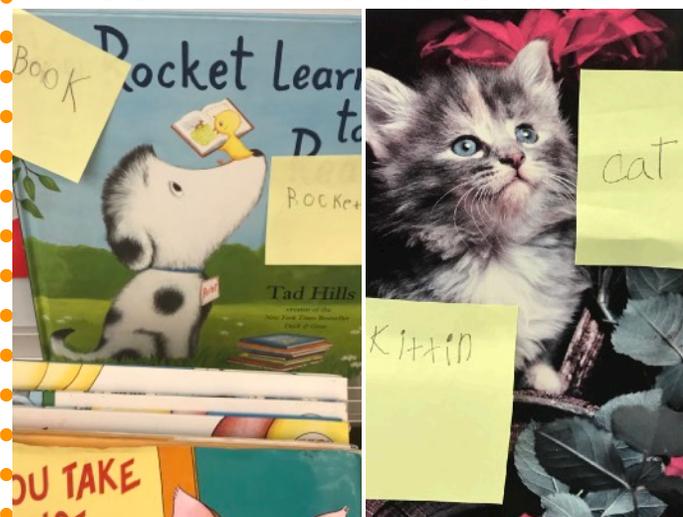
## MAKING APPLE SAUCE!



We celebrated the first day of fall by measuring, using adjectives to describe our cooking, learning a few facts about apples, reading a nonfiction text on apples, and enjoying some applesauce!



We learned about nouns (a person, place, animal, or thing), as well as labeling this week! We labeled our classroom with all the nouns we could find.



IA on Picture Day!