

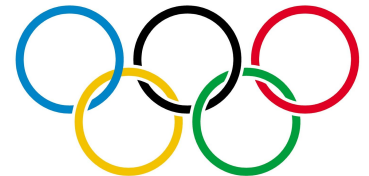


# First Grade Newsletter

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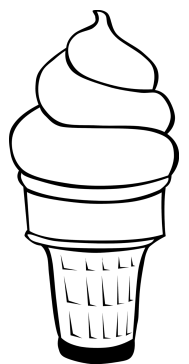
## HPES Theme

As many of you know, Hyde Park Elementary is a PBIS school. What is PBIS? "Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional and academic success." Our PBIS team has worked hard to create a theme for this school year. The Olympics it is! Students will be earning hashtags (small sparkling magnetic tiles) as they did last year. When teams reach their set goal, they will trade their hashtags in for an Olympic Medal! By the end of week 3, we have earned both a bronze and silver medal! That means we have earned a total of 450 hashtags!



## More than 1 Reason to Celebrate...

Not only is it a huge accomplishment to earn 2 medals in just 3 short weeks, but our students also demonstrated the ability to be flexible. Mrs. Koch was out all week due to a family emergency. Our first grade team decided it would be best to keep the teaching staff consistent in her absence. Mrs. Pratt taught all of the literacy blocks and Mrs. Pirie taught math. Mrs. Paige stepped up and helped support all of this work. The students did an amazing job adjusting to the changes and Mrs. Koch's family is home and doing well! She looks forward to being back next week! Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Pirie, and Mrs. Paige decided that all of this hard work and flexibility called for a special treat. Friday afternoon we all enjoyed creemees at the Hoagies ice-cream window! To top it off, we had a special visitor... MRS. KOCH!



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## Readers Workshop

We are getting more and more comfortable with our classroom expectations and the structure of our literacy blocks. We will continue to open up centers and experience new learning together. This week, students were able to use our Reader's Workshop Work Board. Students demonstrated their ability to maintain their independence through managed independent learning time. This gives the students the chance to work on various activities in the room and allows the teacher the time to work with individuals and small groups.

## Math Workshop

We have spent this week exploring Cuisenaire Rods. We have been using them to define math vocabulary words such as greater than, less than, and equal to. We have even explored the idea of one more and one less. We have continued practicing independent learning through the practice of Work Places. This week we added a new Work Place; Flip and Write. Geoboards still seem to be the favorite!

**Thank you to all of you who continue to donate items to the first grade classrooms!**

### First Grade Wish List

- Kleenex (softies)
- Cleaning wipes (we can't have enough!)
- Nonperishable snack items (nut free)
- Plastic Silverware (spoons and forks)

### Looking Ahead:

- ★ Oct. 18 - Early Dismissal
- ★ Oct. 19 - No School (Inservice)
- ★ Oct. 20 - No School (Inservice)