

The Porlier Press



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KORAES ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

FIRST GRADE NEWS YOU CAN USE...

WRITING

- ~ We continue to celebrate the art of writing in First Grade! We enjoy listening to our authors read their favorite entries in the "Author's Chair," too!
- ~ January writing journals will be going home soon. **Please return them by Friday, 2/10/12.**

MATH

- > This month, students will investigate number patterns and compare measurements.
- > **Money** will be explored in-depth in the coming chapter. Remember to send "real" money by February 6th for our in-class practices.
- > Please continue to practice time-telling at home each day with your child. Encourage use of both analog and digital clocks to reinforce the complex skill of measuring and understanding time.

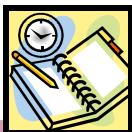


HOMEWORK

- } **REMINDER:** All homework assignments are posted daily and in detail online!
- } Enter through the Koraes website (1st Grade link) or directly at <http://assignaday.4teachers.org/index.php>
- } Search "PORLIER" and then indicate the month.
- } The "List" option will show details of each assignment.

OTHER NOTES

- ~ Please ask your child if s/he needs extra supplies such as dry erase markers or erasers for his/her desk.
- ~ Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Friday, February 3rd. See you then!



SOCIAL STUDIES & SCIENCE

- * **SOCIAL STUDIES**—We are excited to start our "Famous Americans" project! This project proves very beneficial to the children, as they develop their research skills, reinforce reading and writing skills, and integrate technology into their learning experiences.



- * **SCIENCE**—We will explore our Physical Science unit and investigate matter in fun and creative ways! This month, students will also discover how sounds and shadows are made in our "Sound, Light, and Heat" chapter.

THE READING CORNER

- As a reminder, your child's Language Arts test scores go home each Monday, along with the previous week's homework and in-class assignments.

MRS. PORLIER'S TIPS FOR RAISING A

GOOD READER:

AUTHOR'S PURPOSE

- ◇ Identifying the author's purpose helps readers to understand that authors have a reason for writing.
- ◇ Ask your child to recall stories or poems that they have recently read. Ask questions: Why did the author write this story—to **teach** us something? To **entertain** and make us laugh?
- ◇ It is important to remember that authors write for MANY reasons!