

# G1 Newsletter - Week of September 23-27

## Reminders:

- ASA Registration is OPEN! Please visit the grade 1 blog for the list of activities. Registration closes on Sept 29th. ASA Term 1 starts on Oct 7 and ends on Dec 12.
- Upcoming MAP testing dates:

	Sunday Oct 7	Monday Oct 8	Tuesday Oct 9	Wednesday Oct 10
8:00-9:15	G1 Math TT, KP	G1 Reading TT, KP	G1 Reading MB, PM	G1 Math MB, PM

## Reading Unit 1 - Building Good Reading Habits

Lessons planned for this week:

- Scooping up more words at a time with our eyes (moving away from finger pointing)
- When readers **reread**, they see more
- Good readers take a sneak peek **on each page** before they dive into the words
- Noticing bad habits and swapping it with a good habit

Bad habits that we want to avoid:

- the freeze
- the mumble
- the “tell me” (asking a teacher or someone else to tell the word)
- the blooper (replacing the word with a nonsense word)

## Writing Unit 1 - Small Moments

Lessons planned for this week:

- Understanding the true essence of a small moment story - one that is focused (zooming in) “watermelon” vs. “seed story” - watermelon topics are big - we want to avoid watermelon topics
  - our goal is to write seed stories - focused stories about one time, one place
- The importance of oral rehearsal - saying our stories out loud to a partner before we start writing we call it “touch and tell” your story across your pages
- Editing skills - rereading our own writing, making sure our writing is clear and makes sense for our readers
- Bringing our stories to life by “unfreezing” our characters - make them move and talk (adding action and dialogue to our stories)

## Math Unit 1

This week, we will work on:

- Rules for working in small groups
- Exploring math materials - pattern blocks, base-10 blocks, and geoboards
- Weather and Temperature - how to read a thermometer

- Simple Number stories

Examples: The zoo has 5 new elephants and 3 new pandas.

How many new animals does the zoo have? 8 new animals

**\*\* The Unit 1 math test will on Monday Oct 1st. \*\***

**Please refer back to the IPP that was posted on our blog for the unit 1 learning targets.**

**Unit of Inquiry 2 - Storytelling    Central Idea: Storytelling often communicates identity, history, and culture.**

We are now starting our 2nd Unit of Inquiry under the transdisciplinary theme of HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES. This unit will run 6 weeks. Stay tuned for the unit letter which will be posted on the Grade 1 Blog.

- We will unpack the two learner profile traits for this unit: What does it mean to be open-minded and caring?