



**CURRICULUM OVERVIEW
GRADE ONE
2017 – 2018**

Muddy Brook Regional Elementary School
318 Monument Valley Road, Great Barrington, MA 01230

Dear Families,

This packet is intended to give you a sense of what we work on throughout the year in first grade. Included is a curriculum overview with pacing guide. This lays out the units of our 4 main subject areas: Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

We have also included an easy reference list of the first grade classroom teachers, the learning support teachers that work with first graders, and a list of all the specialist teachers.

As a team, we are committed to helping every child reach their potential. We strive to instill curiosity, perseverance, and a love of learning in every first grader.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any reason. We welcome questions and feedback and will respond quickly to any concerns. We look forward to working with you.

Thank you for your support,
The First Grade Team

First Grade Teachers

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Emma Haskell

Para-Professionals

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Learning Support Specialists

Mary Auger

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ESL Teacher

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Enrichment

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Art

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Music

Kim Chirichella

Physical Education

Jessica Pleu

Tina Soule

Library

Patty Melville

Core Subject Pacing Guide – First Grade

	Reading	Writing	Math	Science & Technology	Social Studies
September	Unit 1 Reader’s Build Good Habits	Small Moments: Personal Narratives	Unit 1 Counting, Adding and Subtracting	What is a Scientist?	Community Building
October	Reader’s Build Good Habits cont. Unit 2 Tackling Trouble	Small Moments – cont.	Unit 1 cont.	Space Systems Patterns & Structures FOSS Air and Weather	Map Skills
November	Tackling Trouble cont. Unit 3 Readers Meet the Characters in Their Books	Small Moments – cont.	Unit 2 2-D Geometry	Space Systems Patterns & Structures FOSS Air and Weather Cont.	Map Skills cont. Links to the Past
December	Reader’s Meet the Characters cont.	From Scene to Series: <i>Fiction Writing</i>	Unit 3 Solving Story Problems	ART/Engineering Crossover	Links to the Past cont. Cultural differences/Holidays
January	Unit 4 Non-Fiction Readers Learn about the World	From Scene to Series - cont.	Unit 3 cont.	Waves: Light and Sound	Martin Luther King, Jr.
February	Non-Fiction Readers learn... cont.	Non-Fiction Chapter Books	Unit 4 Data	Waves: Light and Sound	President’s Day Groundhog Day Olympics
March	Unit 5 We Can Be Our Own Teachers	Non-Fiction Chapter Books cont.	Unit 5 Measurement	Waves: Light and Sound cont.	Multi-Cultural Awareness Read Across America
April	Unit 6 Reading Across Genres	How To Books	Unit 6 Addition, Subtraction, and the Number System	Structures, Functions & Info Processing FOSS New Plants and Animal Heredity	Patriotic Symbols
May	Unit 7 Dramatizing Characters	Opinion Writing	Unit 7 Patterns Unit 8 2s, 5s, 10s	Structures, Functions & Info Processing FOSS New Plants and Animal	Memorial Day

				Heredity	
June	Unit 8 Readers Can Read About Science	Opinion Writing Cont.	Unit 8 3-D Geometry	Structures, Functions & Info Processing FOSS New Plants and Animal Heredity	Flag Day

***Timing Is Approximate Based On Students' Needs**

First Grade Enduring Understandings

Muddy Brook Teachers are developing 'essential questions' and 'enduring understandings' for the subjects we teach. The following are the *enduring understandings* we are looking to instill in our students.

Writing:

- We all have stories to tell, no matter how big or how small
- Readers like to read stories with detail and that make sense

Reading:

- Readers have reading friends and establish good reading habits
- Readers warm up and set goals

Math:

- Developing strategies for accurately counting a set of objects up to 20
- Developing the verbal counting sequence and understanding the magnitude and position of numbers, including beginning ideas of place value.

Science:

- Scientists explore the world around them by: asking questions, observing, conducting experiments, and drawing and writing about what they see.
- Scientists follow the scientific method to test and prove their ideas.

~ 1st Grade Links ~

For Math

www.math-play.com/
investigations.terc.edu/

For Literacy

www.scholastic.com/parents/
www.magickeys.com/books/
storylineonline.net
www.readwritethink.org
www.spellingcity.com

For Science & Social Studies

www.dogonews.com/
kids.discovery.com/
www.timeforkids.com/news
www.fossweb.com
www.kids.nationalgeographic.com

For Fun

www.brainpop.com
www.enchantedlearning.com
www.mag.amazing-kids.org
www.gonoodle.com