

# First Grade News and Updates:

## Greg Tang Virtual Lessons:

Please check Remind to sign the permission slip for our Greg Tang virtual lessons. We have two lessons scheduled over the next couple of weeks. Greg Tang is a math guru and is providing free lessons to students. We are so excited! 😊

## Xtra Math:

If students have access to internet on Fridays, they can log in to Clever and get on Xtra Math to practice fact fluency. They have been doing it in class at least 3 times a week- it only takes about 10 minutes, but the more they do it, the better they'll get!

## Reading Logs:

Don't forget to complete the digital OR paper version of the reading log. It is extremely important that your child is reading to you each night for at least 20 minutes. (We suggest 30 minutes total. Your child can read to you for the entire 30 minutes, but should be reading **at least** 20 minutes out of the 30.) If he or she struggles with a word give some wait time before jumping in to help.

## Masks:

Just like the rest of us, students are growing weary of wearing masks. Many are having a hard time keeping the mask over their mouth AND nose. PLEASE remind your child that it is important to wear his or her mask correctly. Thank you!

## Laptop Insurance:

We have been getting to know our laptops by practicing getting on Teams to find assignments and join meetings so we'll be prepared when the day comes that students will take them home. Since none of these devices have covers, it is highly recommended that insurance be purchased. Since the devices are assigned to specific students, they are responsible for taking care of them- at home and at school. They are stored in charging stations while not in use, but accidents can easily happen (especially with first graders). Insurance is \$25 through January 31. On Feb 1 the price will increase to \$50 and will stay at this point until April 1<sup>st</sup>, after which no insurance will be accepted. If you want to purchase insurance, send a check written to JEMS or cash in a marked envelope/baggie or you can bring it to the office.

## Important Dates:

January 18 <sup>th</sup> – MLK Holiday (No School)	January 28 <sup>th</sup> – Greg Tang Virtual Lesson
January 19 <sup>th</sup> – Greg Tang Virtual Lesson (subtracting within 20)	(adding within 20)
January 26 <sup>th</sup> – Title 1/SIC Virtual Meeting (link sent via Remind)	January 29 <sup>th</sup> – End of second nine weeks
	February 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Report cards issued