

# The Natural Wonder

## October 21 2016

### Mark Your Calendar

- 10/31- Halloween Parade (1:45PM) and Classroom Celebration to follow
- 11/1 - November PTA Meeting
- 11/8 - Grade Prep Day, *No school for students.*
- 11/16 - Outside the Box Day 9-11AM

### Ask Your Wonder:

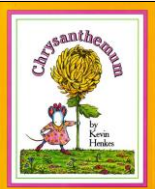
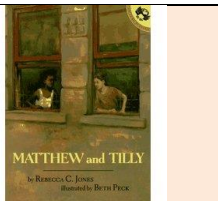
- To share what s/he has learned about Virginia's state symbols.
- What is a strategy s/he can use to count accurately?
- How s/he goes book shopping in her/his class?
- To retell the book McDuff and the Baby.

### Robust Vocabulary

Robust vocabulary is designed to have students listen for and use stronger, more interesting words in their everyday language and writing. The words come from a read-aloud used during the week. We discuss the words, find them in the story, and then do an activity to practice applying the words.

admired - liked  
 interrupt- stop for a short time  
 terrible - very bad

wilted - went from happy to sad  
 dreadful - very bad  
 perfect - very good



### First Grade Websites

Please take note of the first grade webpage (<https://asf.s.apsva.us/classrooms/grade-1/>), which offers the following links:

- Natural Wonder Newsletters
- First Grade Websites (sites used for reading, math, and content)
- First Grade Field Trips
- Parent Resources

You might consider bookmarking this page on your home devices for easy access this school year.

### Building Independence in 1<sup>st</sup> grade

In first grade, one of our goals is to help our Wonders increase their level of independence. We require that they begin to do more and more for themselves.

There are a few ways that you can support this goal at home. One way is to have students pack and unpack their own backpacks. Another way is to help your child learn to fasten clothing by him/herself. If your child is going to wear an item with a button, snap, tie, zip, or buckle, please help to ensure they can manage their clothing independently. Here is a rhyme you might want to use to teach shoe tying:

Build a teepee  
 Come inside  
 Close it tight so we can hide  
 Over the mountain  
 And around we go  
 Here's my arrow  
 And here's my bow!

From, Ms. Chai, Ms. Cherubin, Ms. Davis, Ms. Goodman, Ms. Pollard, Ms. Rifkind, Ms. Spohn, Ms. Symonds, Ms. Worley, and Ms. Zukas