



Dates to Remember:

- * If you are interested in ordering a Field Day pizza lunch for your first grader, please return the order form and money to school by Monday, May 18th.
- * The Book Fair is coming to Dwight this week! We will preview the fair on Tuesday and shop on Wednesday, May 20th from 1:40-2:00 p.m.
- * There is no school on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.
- * We will be making tie-dye t-shirts for Field Day. Each student should bring in a white shirt, labeled with his/her name, by next Wednesday, May 27th.
- * Field Day at Dwight is Friday, June 5th!
- * Our final field trip of the year will take place on Thursday, June 11th. We're heading to the Audubon for a program about butterflies. Students will need to bring **lunch from home** this day. (Also, please send back the pink waiver form with your student ASAP.)
- * Our end of year party will take place on Tuesday, June 16th from 1:00-1:30 p.m. All parents are invited to attend this First Grade Family Picnic! Please see the green invitation that came home last week for details.

Reader's Workshop:

This week we'll move into our study of **theme**. **Theme** means the *big idea* or *what the story is mostly about*. We'll practice finding the theme in different books this week.

Writer's Workshop:

We are beginning our fiction unit of study in Writer's Workshop this week. We'll talk about creating characters, putting them in a setting, and writing about events that happen to them.

Math:

In Math we'll talk about number bonds (ways to make numbers). For example, 20 can be 12 and 8 or 15 and 5 or 9 and 11.

Word Work:

As of this week, all of the new weekly Word Wall words have been taught to the students. Of course, we will continue to practice ALL of our words, use them to help us spell other words, and still learn how to spell new words we come across. In your child's homework folder, you will find a completed "Word Wall" that he/she can keep at home to help spell these words correctly. Please continue to practice the spelling of these words. Thank you for your support at home!

Science/Social Studies:

- * Our scientists are enjoying our final Science unit of the year. Last week we began this unit with our Eli Whitney in-school "field trip". Thank you to the 1L parent "chaperones" who joined us to help out! Be sure to check out the slideshow on the 1L website!
- * In our classroom we are raising painted lady butterflies. Our caterpillars are doing well and growing bigger and bigger! We can't wait to see the next stage of the life cycle!
- * We have also begun our monarch butterfly research in the LMC. Ask your scientist what he/she has learned so far!

Odds and Ends:

- * 1L would love to send a **thank you** to all of the moms who came to our special Mother's Day Tea last week. All of the thoughts that were shared in their books came directly from the students. It was fun for me to have them "lead" this event; they were so proud to share all of their work with you!