

Dates to Remember:

* On Monday, May 16th 1L will head to the Audubon Birdcraft Museum for our CANE field trip. We'll be leaving Dwight in the morning and we will return for a regular recess/lunch. We'll be outside for much of this trip, so students should wear sneakers and dress for the weather.

* On Tuesday, May 17th Dwight's first grade will welcome a scientist from the Eli Whitney Museum for an in-school "field trip" all about butterflies!

* On Friday, May 20th at 2:15 p.m., we'd like to invite **all parents** in to 1L for a Readers Theater presentation. An invitation from your first grader will be coming home soon!

Reader's Workshop:

This week we are beginning our **poetry** unit of study. We will spend the week exploring poems, talking about what we notice. We'll also begin to learn about line breaks, white space, and practice visualizing when we read poetry.

Writer's Workshop:

In Writer's Workshop we will also begin our **poetry** unit. We'll launch this unit by learning that poets look at the world differently using "poet's eyes". For example, a pencil is not just a pencil. It can be a *yellow magic wand that helps us share our ideas*.

Math:

This week we'll wrap up our **time and measurement** unit by practicing telling time to the **half hour**. Continue to have your first grader be a "time keeper" in your house...it's great practice!

Word Work:

* Our Word Wall Words are: father, favorite, first, mother, over.

* This week we'll focus on adding *ed* endings to words.

* Please check out Spelling City for our May Challenge list...all about butterflies! This list is a sneak-peek of our next first grade science unit.

Science/Social Studies:

We are wrapping up our "going green" unit this week. Our scientists have learned lots of ways to keep our earth clean!

Odds and Ends:

* Please check your email for a blast about our upcoming author visit at Dwight! 😊