

1L's Weekly News - Week of May 23rd



Dates to Remember:

Please check our homepage for a detailed list of dates from now until the end of the year!

- * The Book Fair is coming to Dwight this week! We will preview the fair on Monday and shop on Wednesday, May 25th from 9:30-9:50 a.m.
- * 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 this Wednesday, May 25th.
- * There is no school on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.
- * Our final field trip of the year will take place on Tuesday, June 7th. We're heading to the Audubon for a program about butterflies. Please send back the orange waiver form with your student ASAP.
- * Our end of year party will take place on Wednesday, June 15th from 12:45-1:15 p.m. All parents are invited to attend this First Grade Family Picnic!

Reader's Workshop:

This week our poets will talk about repetition in poems, making connections to poems, and inferring feelings conveyed through poems. Ask your reader what he/she has learned about poetry so far!

Writer's Workshop:

We'll continue writing poems this week as well, focusing on writing about special people and places. Thank you for helping your poet bring in a special object to write about last week.

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. We'll also focus on using an *open number line* to add numbers. There's an informative video about this math strategy on the district's math wiki: <http://fairfieldpublicschools.k5math.wikispaces.com/Homework+Help+Grade+1>
(Scroll down to the bottom of the page to view this video.)

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:

Last week we welcomed a scientist from the Eli Whitney Museum for an in-school "field trip". Our scientists enjoyed creating a fun hands-on project to show a butterfly's life cycle. Thank you to Mrs. Autry, Mr. Dawson, and Mrs. Rippey, our parent chaperones, who joined us to help out!

Odds and Ends:

* 1L is super excited to welcome Miss Morgan Quinn, a senior at Fairfield Ludlowe High School, into our classroom starting on Monday, May 23rd. Morgan will be completing an internship as part of her program of study at Ludlowe. She is a former Dwight student and an aspiring elementary educator. We are looking forward to having her in 1L! ☺

* A **BIG** thank you to Mrs. Field and Mrs. Wheeler for joining us as chaperones on our field trip to the Birdcraft Museum. And thank you, thank you to Mrs. Blessey, Mrs. Gilligan, and Mrs. Weiland, our CANE volunteers, for leading us through the trip. The class had a great time and we lucked out with beautiful weather!

* **Thank you** to all of the parents and special guests who joined us on Friday for our Reader's Theater presentation! Our performers were so excited to show off all of their hard work and we hope you enjoyed the stories!

* This week is the final week of first grade homework.