

## Here's what we are up to in 1K this week!

May 9<sup>th</sup> - May 13<sup>th</sup>



**Reading:** This week in Reader's Workshop we will continue our Poetry unit of study. We will spend time noticing and discussing the language used in poems to deepen our understanding of poetry. We will use our five senses and personal experiences to make connections with poetry. You can ask your reader to tell you about a poem we read in class and the image it created in their mind!

**Writing:** We will also continue our Poetry unit in Writer's Workshop this week. We will be looking at every day objects and using comparisons in our poetry to see them differently (ex: a stapler is like an alligator's mouth) this week. The students will practice using similes to add comparisons into their poems, as well as use their five senses to describe objects. You can ask your child to tell you a simile they used in their writing!

**Math:** We begin our next unit in math this week, "Addition and Subtraction Within 100". We will spend time looking at place value patterns, as well as beginning to use the number 10 as a benchmark number.

**Science/Social Studies:** We will begin our new science unit on life cycles this week. Our focus will be on the life cycle of a butterfly and we will have our very own caterpillars in our classroom to watch this! The students are very excited for this new unit. ☺

**Word Work:** Same words: **father, favorite, first, mother, over**  
Word work focus: -ed endings

### **Special Notes:**

- On Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 1K will be going to the Audubon Birdcraft Museum for our CANE fieldtrip. Please make sure students wear sneakers and dress for the weather, as the majority of the fieldtrip will be outside.
- On Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> we have an in-school fieldtrip where the first grade will learn all about butterflies from a scientist from the Eli Whitney Museum.
- On Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:15, all parents are invited to 1K for a special Reader's Theater presentation! More details will follow in the coming weeks. ☺
- If you would like to order autographed books by author Elise Broach who will be visiting Dwight in June, please make sure all order forms are in by May 18<sup>th</sup>.