First Grade News

November 7, 2016

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed your weekend, and here is our news!

**Word Work:**

There are no new words this week. Please continue to practice all words that have been introduced so far this year. Your child will bring home a word study assignment for homework tonight.

**Math:**

We have started to focus on addition and subtraction strategies. Our students have made double-flap cards to discover the relationships between addition and subtraction, to further explore the commutative property, and to learn to solve for an unknown in any position. They generated equation fact families and story problems. The idea is that the equal sign describes a relationship between two quantities that have the same value, rather than indicating “the answer.”

**Important Dates:**

1st Grade Winter Celebration 12/19/16 at 11:20-11:50 (Open to all parents)

1st Grade Tie Dye Celebration 3/1/17

Zoo Mobile visits our classroom: 4/19/17

1st Grade Character Assembly 4/28/17 at 2:30pm

Beardsley Zoo Field Trip 5/26/17 or 6/2/17 (rain date)

**Turkey Project**

We have already received a few turkey projects so far! Your child is to disguise a turkey. The turkey doesn’t want to be eaten for Thanksgiving, so he/she needs a disguise. Please use items around your house, to dress the turkey up so that he or she won’t be found. Please send completed turkeys back by Monday, November 14.

 Respectfully yours,

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