

First Grade News

January 24, 2017

Dear Parents,
Here's our news!

Phonics/Penmanship

The new word wall words for the week are: **boy, girl, they, in, big**. Please complete at least 3 activities with the spelling menu. At this point in the year, we would like to encourage the kids to do a little more sentence writing at home. They can put the word wall words in sentences with a capital letter to begin each sentence and ending punctuation.

Writing

This week we are continuing our new unit called Writing Reviews. The students have started to review various things like restaurants, movies and toys. They were amazed when we told them that there are people whose job it is to play video games and to eat at restaurants as their job! We have learned that opinion writers have the big job of not only stating an opinion and supplying reasons but also of persuading others. They need to get people they don't even know to trust their judgements and follow their lead. This is very exciting work for the kids!

Science

We have been exploring and studying the Sun. The students participated in a science experiment to help them understand why the sun looks so small in the sky. We also learned what causes the day and night sky. Wow, science is so much fun!

Spring Party

The first graders will be making tie-dyed t-shirts for their upcoming spring party on **Wednesday, March 1st**. We will wear the shirts on our upcoming field trips. Thank you to the parents that signed up to volunteer at the party. We would love to have as many hands as possible to make each session go smoothly. Here is the schedule for each class:

1:30-2:00pm Mrs. Jacobs

2:00-2:30pm Mrs. Barzottini

2:30-3:00pm Mrs. Cabezas

Respectfully yours,
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