

First Grade News

October 17, 2016

Dear Parents,

We hope that you had a wonderful weekend with your children. Please be reminded that there is an **Early Dismissal at 1:40pm on Tuesday and Thursday, October 18th and 20th** due to Professional Development and Conferences.

Word Work: The new words for this week are: his, has, her, to, because. Please use the Word Wall menu to complete at least 3 activities this week.

Reading:

We are officially in the swing of things during Reading Workshop. The children have started to read books that are at their "just right" level. They will keep these books that they have personally "shopped" for in their book bins. When it is time to partner read, they take their book bins with them and meet in a special place to read together. We have also begun Small Group Instruction. This is a time when we pull small groups of children who are reading on or around the same level or who have similar reading behaviors. We use this time to teach more individualized lessons on decoding skills and comprehension strategies. The children will be able to take home some of their "just right" books and their book from their Small Group Instruction group to celebrate for Reading Homework very soon!

Math

Last week all of our investigations focused on exploring the idea of doubles ($1+1=2$, $2+2=4$). We are now seeing doubles in everyday life. When we go shopping at the grocery store, we can see doubles when we buy eggs, juice boxes or packs of water. Oh, what fun it is to explore doubles!

Science

Our living things unit is in full swing! Each student has observed his/her lima bean plant grow. Every couple of days we have observed our plants closely for changes. We have drawn detailed pictures and we have taken specific notes on the changes that we have seen. The students are so excited to bring their plants home. Be on the lookout for your child's lima bean plant to come home this week!

Book Fair Schedule:

1J	10/17	11:35-11:50
	10/20	1:15-1:30
1C	10/17	2:55-3:10
	10/20	11:35-11:50
1B	10/18	1:15-1:30
	10/19	1:35-1:50

Reminders:

*Please remember to put your name on your homework.

*Make sure to read, read, and read at home when you have some free time!

*Thank you to all the parent readers we have had so far, it has been great!

*Thank you to the helping hands volunteers, the time you are volunteering is such a great way to give back to your child's classroom! If you would like to volunteer with helping hands in your child's classroom, please reach out to your child's room parent to find out more about helping hands.

Respectfully yours,

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