

First Grade News

February 12, 2018

Dear Parents,

We had such a great time celebrating the 100th day last week. Check out our website for some pictures from the special celebration! Please remember that we will have an early dismissal on Thursday and no school on Friday and Monday.

Conferences

They will take place next month. Be on the lookout for a preference sheet so that we can set up a preferred date and time. We will make every effort to schedule siblings back-to-back. Please return the slip as soon as possible.

Valentine's Day

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day with the students on Wednesday, February 14th. We will be handing out valentines to our classmates! We sent home a list of your child's class. If you would like your child to participate, please make sure to make a valentine for each person in the class. Please remember to send in cards with **no food attached**. Please send your child's valentines as soon as possible!

Word Wall Words

There will be no new words this week. Please continue to practice all introduced words.

Reading

Last week we learned that readers could predict what might happen next in the story by thinking about what we already know about our characters (inner traits). We also practiced retelling stories by identifying important events from the beginning, middle and end.

How can you help:

Continue to encourage daily reading at home and ask your child questions about the story. Keep the conversation going!!

Writing

Last week we learned that persuasive writers make comparisons. They include ways that their topic is better (or worse) than others. Here is an example of a persuasive review that we studied!

Honey Nut Cheerios

Are you getting bored with breakfast? Don't have enough time to eat in the morning? Well, do I have the perfect breakfast food for you - Honey Nut Cheerios!

They are small round donut shaped cereal that taste like honey and almonds. They are light brown and shiny and crunchy, too! Honey Nut cheerios are the best tasting cereal. They are like plain cheerios because they have the same shape but you don't need sugar. The only problem is when you run out of milk. But wait, you can eat them dry and they still taste delicious. Honey Nut Cheerios are good for you. It is made from oats and it has lots of vitamins. That will give you energy. Some people might think that Fruit Loops are better tasting than Honey Nut Cheerios. Fruit Loops has so much more sugar and that is very unhealthy. Honey Nut Cheerios is the tastier and healthier cereal to eat because it has less sugar. So, if you are looking for a great new breakfast, go out and buy Honey Nut Cheerios today! I give them 5 stars!

Math

This week we will begin to learn about fractions. Students will explore ways to split shares into equal parts or shares. This sets a foundation for understanding fractions. They will use paper shapes to represent sharing a sandwich and a cake. First graders relate well to food and fractions since often their first experience with fractions is sharing a treat with a sibling or friend. They learn that there is often more than one ways to split a shape into equal parts. Students learn to describe the parts as halves, fourths, and quarters and to read and write the fraction notation ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$).

Spring Party

The first graders will be making tie-dyed t-shirts on **Thursday, 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:

2:00-2:30pm Mrs. Jacobs

2:30-3:00pm Mrs. Hafford

Upcoming Field Trips

Mark your calendars! We have two upcoming field trips this spring. Permission slips and more information will be coming home closer to the date. All parents are welcome to join both trips!

***We will be visiting the Birdcraft Sanctuary.**

We will visit the Birdcraft Sanctuary on Tuesday, May 8th.

Mrs. Hafford's class will be there from 10:00am-11:15am

Mrs. Jacobs' class will be there from 1:00-2:15pm.

All families are welcome to meet us there!

***We will be visiting the Beardsley Zoo**

Both classes will be going on Friday, May 25th from 10:15-1:15. (Rain date is May 31st). All families are welcome to meet us there!

Supplies

It is that time of year!! Please ask your child if they are in need of sharpened pencils, markers, crayons, etc. We are also looking for donations of recess equipment (balls, jump ropes, chalk, etc.).

Sincerely,

Allison Hafford and Debbie Jacobs