

## First Grade News

February 28, 2017

Dear Parents,

First Grade is a very busy place! There is so much excitement with all our newly introduced academic units!

We are in need of some supplies. If you are willing to donate, we are looking for sharpened pencils and sticky notes. You may want to ask your child if they need crayons and/or markers for their supply bin.

### **Conferences**

Please fill out the conference preference sheet that came home in your child's folder last week. Please note that there is only one evening conference designated for this round of conferences.

### **Phonics/Penmanship**

The words for the week are: **quit, have, give, of, jump**. There will be a checkpoint on Friday. We would like to continue to encourage the students to practice sentence writing.

### **Writing**

As we continue to learn about writing Reviews, we will now be shifting our focus to writing Book Reviews. Each student brought in 2 of their favorite books to school, if your child has not done this yet, please send these two books in by tomorrow.

### **Math**

We have just started a new module with a focus on measurement, comparing and ordering two-digit numbers, writing inequality statements, finding differences and working on a number line. In the context of a pretend trip to Antarctica, students get their heights measured for snowsuits and graph the results. The class records height and other data for two types of penguins: the rock hopper and the king. Students make measuring strips and strings and use them to order and compare the numbers and find the difference. Wow, that's a lot to learn about!

### **Science**

We have just started to talk about the rainforest. Each student picked an animal that they would like to study. They will start to take notes about the animal's habitat, prey, predator, description and some interesting facts. They will then work on typing what they have learned on the computer. The end product will be a hardcover book all about their animal.

### **Spring Party**

The first graders will be making tie-dyed t-shirts for their upcoming spring party tomorrow, **Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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

### **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.**

Mrs. Barzottini's Class will be going on Thursday 4/20 from 1:30-2:45

Mrs. Cabezas' Class will be going on Friday 4/21 from 10:00-11:15

Mrs. Jacobs' Class will be going on Friday 4/21 from 1:00-2:15

#### **\*We will be visitning the Beardsley Zoo**

All 3 classes will be going on Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:15-1:15. (Rain date is June 2<sup>nd</sup>).

Respectfully yours,

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