

March 21, 2016

First Grade News

Dear Parents,
Happy first week of Spring, here is our news.

Conferences

We are looking forward to sharing your child's progress next week. Please return the confirmed time back to your child's teacher by Thursday March 24, 2016.

**Please note that Jennings will have an early dismissal at 1:40pm on Wednesday March 30 ,Thursday March 31, and Wednesday April 6.

Writing

Be on the lookout for opinion writing pieces on the bulletin board during conferences. Our students have used grit and perseverance to write exceptional opinion pieces. These writing pieces have included: collections, persuasive pieces, comparisons and book reviews! We have learned that opinion writers expect disagreement. We try to convince the reader by making a recommendation, quoting experts, adding helpful tips, using sparkly words, giving lots of reasons and giving it a rating! Wow, opinion writing has been challenging but exciting in first grade!

Reading Incentive Program

Don't forget to keep recording time spent reading at home each week. Minutes are collected each Monday. Announcements will be made during the morning announcements each Wednesday to reveal our school totals. The goal for our students is to read 75 minutes per week or more! If you don't have the minute log, you can just write it down on a piece of paper for your child's teacher to record. Thank you for your support, and read, read, read!

Word Work

The new words for the week are: will, pretty, little, animal, and old. Please help your child practice these words all week!

Mrs. P. has compiled all of the introduced word wall words into Spelling City. This is a wonderful resource that the students will use this week during Tech. Time. Please feel free to use it at home to continue to practice and review word wall words. <https://www.spellingcity.com/jenningsllc/>

Science: We have been learning about the rainforest in Science. Last week, we were able to go on a virtual field trip to the Columbus Zoo. We learned about many different animals and their habitat.

Mrs. P. has put together a video about our trip to the Columbus Zoo! Below is a short video about our virtual field trip, feel free to check it out! It is also incorporated in this week's Library blog:

http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/jen/library_blog/virtual-trip-columbus-zoo-ohio/

Upcoming Field Trips:

***We will be visiting the Birdcraft Sanctuary on April 8th.**

***We will be visiting the Beardsley Zoo on May 27th from 10:15-1:30.**

(Rain date is June 3rd).

Respectfully,
Allison Cabezas
Debbie Jacobs
Abby Barzottini