

March 27, 2017

First Grade News

Dear First Grade Parents,
We hope you had a nice weekend. Here is our news!

Conferences

We are looking forward to sharing your child's progress this week and next week. If you have not sent back the confirmed time to your child's teacher, please do so at your earliest convenience.

****Please note that Jennings will have an early dismissal at 1:40pm on Wednesday March 29 ,Thursday March 30, and Wednesday April 5.**

For Tonight's Homework

This week there are 5 new word wall words: will, pretty, animal, little, old. Please continue to work on sentence writing as one of your choices for your spelling menu.

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!

Writing Workshop: We have begun a new unit of study in Writer's Workshop: Serious Writers Set Out to Write Realistic Fiction. Fiction is a perfect genre for young writers! Realistic fiction stories seem like they are real. They could really happen. But you still get to make them up. Realistic fiction books tell stories about things that could happen but that you've pretended. We have learned that when you write realistic fiction, you imagine a pretend character. Then you pretend things about that character- where the character is, what the character does, and especially the trouble he or she gets into. Fiction writers give the character a real-life adventure! Oh what fun we will have during this unit of study!

Math:

We are starting a new unit of study in our Bridges Math Curriculum. We will be starting Unit 6, which is focused on addition and subtraction to 20. During this unit, first graders continue to develop fluency with addition and subtraction facts to 10 and strategies for working with facts to 20. Students make extensive use of the number rack to model and solve number combinations and story problems of all types. In the process, they learn how to write and solve equations that involve unknowns in all positions and determine whether addition and subtraction equations are true or false. Throughout the unit, the interesting and sometimes amazing habits of penguins offer engaging story problem contexts for young learners.

BirdCraft Museum Field Trip:

Mark your calendars! We have two upcoming field trips this spring. The permission slips have been sent home, if you did not send them in, please do so at your earliest convenience. 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 26th from 10:15-1:15. (Rain date is June 2nd).

Respectfully yours,
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Debra Jacobs
Abigail Barzottini