March 28, 2016

First Grade News

Dear First Grade Parents,

We hope you had a nice long 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 30, Thursday March 31, and Wednesday April 6.

**For Tonight’s Homework**

This week we will be reviewing all 85 introduced words. Please continue to practice at home.

# 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!

**BirdCraft Museum Field Trip:**

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

1-Jacobs 9:15-10:30

1-Barzottini 10:45-12:00

1-Cabezas 1:30-2:45

A permission slip will be coming home today! Please make sure to fill out the permission slip and return it to your child’s teacher at your earliest convenience. If you are chaperoning, parents would need to meet us at the museum.

**Beardsley Zoo Field Trip:**

\*We will be visiting the Beardsley Zoo on May 27th from 10:15-1:30. (Rain date is June 3rd).

**Author’s Tea**

Our annual Author’s Tea will take place on **June 1st and 2nd** at **11:15-11:45**. We will be asking parents to specify which day is preferred to come into the classroom. The preference sheet will be coming home soon!

**End of the Year Party**

Our end of the year party will be on **Friday, June 10th at 11:30**. All are welcome to attend. Please save the date!

Respectfully yours,

Allison Cabezas

Debra Jacobs

Abigail Barzottini