

First Grade News

March 5, 2018

Dear Parents,

The Reading Incentive Program begins today!! For the next 4 weeks our school will be tracking weekly minutes read at home. We are looking for 100% participation from each first grade family! Please see the Monday Memo for more information and recording sheets! Week 1 reading totals are due on Monday 3/12. Happy Reading!!!

Conferences

They will take place next month. We are in the process of scheduling meetings. Conference materials will come home next Monday 3/12.

Word Wall Words

The new words for the week are: **us, when, out, car, but**. Your child should write a sentence for each word wall word and make new words using this week's builder words (example: -out: bout, pout, shout). Your child can choose the last activity from the Spelling Menu.

Reading and Writing

This week we are beginning to study Poetry in both Reading and Writing. Please check out the unit letters on our class website!

Math

Your children are beginning Unit 5 in math. They will be thinking about place value through a math investigation called *Organizing and Collecting* and then will be working with number lines to add, subtract, and locate and order numbers. Attached is a letter that highlights some of the mathematical concepts, skills, and models that students will be encountering in this unit. Please refer to the blast Mrs. Ruppert sent out on Friday!

Spring Party

Thank you again to Mrs. Helmer for organizing our Tie-Dye party last week. We can't wait to see this finished product! A huge thank you to all of the

parent volunteers that made it all possible. We will be wearing these shirts on our upcoming field trips to the Birdcraft Sanctuary and to the Beardsley Zoo!

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,

Debbie Jacobs and Allison Hafford