

First Grade News

April 16, 2018

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed the break with your children! Here's our news for the week!

Word Wall Words

There will be no new words this week. Please continue to practice all introduced words for tonight's homework.

Reading

This week we are beginning a new unit in reading called **Bringing Stories to Life Through Fairy Tales and Folktales**. This week we will be identifying story elements and looking for narrative patterns in tales. How You Can Help: If you have any folktales/fairy tales at home, please send them to your child's class to enjoy during reading. Please sure that your child's name is in the book.

Writing

This week we are beginning a new unit in reading called **From Scenes to Series: Writing Fiction**. The focus of the unit is on realistic fiction rather than any kind of fiction. We know that some students would prefer to write stories about aliens and will even create more pages when they write about aliens. The thing is, while they write more, they rarely write better. When kids truly study what makes a story exciting and still realistic, they end up writing stories that have more heart. Also, kids write best about what they know, and when they realize that their true knowledge of the terrors of riding a bike or lying to a parent after a mishap can find their way into their stories, they inevitably find that they actually have a lot to write about.

Science

We continue to study our rainforest animals. Both first grade classes have been busy bringing this unit to life by making rainforest vines in our classroom. Please help us out by sending in toilet paper rolls from home. We will be using them to for a special project.

April Character Assembly - PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE

****Mark your calendars for Monday, April 30 at 2:15pm.** The first grade classes will be presenting some of their learning about the rainforest at the assembly!! We hope you all make it!

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!

Sincerely,
Debbie Jacobs and Allison Hafford