

April 17, 2017

## First Grade News

Dear First Grade Parents,  
We hope you had a nice April break. Here's our news!

### **Word Work**

Please continue to review all word wall words that have been introduced so far this year. For homework tonight, there is an assignment on alphabetical order and diagraphs coming home in your child's yellow folder. Please complete this, and bring it in for tomorrow.

### **Memory Books**

The end of first grade is coming near! We know your child has experienced and learned many wonderful things throughout the year and has made lots of new and exciting memories. Your child's Memory Book Assignment is coming home this week in their Take-home folder. Your child will need to write one memory about each child in the class. The memories are due back no later than Friday May 26th, 2017. Please plan on working on at least one memory a night in order to get it done. This is a very fun activity and your child will love receiving their book at the end of the year! However, waiting too close to the due date will cause a lot of unnecessary stress on your child. Please be sure that all memories are positive and send a "bucket filling" message!

### **Reading Workshop**

Our Reading Incentive program has ended and our first graders have surpassed their reading goal! Way to go! We would like to challenge you to continue your reading at home and try to read 75 minutes per week. We would encourage you to continue this amazing stamina and love of reading with your children every day.

### **Curriculum Enrichment**

A representative from Roaring Brook will be coming to first grade on **April 28, 2017**. The kids will learn all about frogs. We will have tadpoles in the classroom, and then we will talk about the things we already know about the life cycle of frogs and we will make new observations.

The Beardsley Zoomobile is also coming to first grade on **April 19, 2017**. A representative from the zoo will be bringing live rain forest animals into each classroom for a one-hour presentation for the kids. We cannot wait!

**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 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:15-1:15. (Rain date is June 2<sup>nd</sup>).

**Author's Tea**

Our annual Author's Tea will take place on **June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:15-11:55**. We will be asking parents to specify which day is preferred to come into the classroom. We will be sending home a preference sheet this week. Thank you for your help.

Respectfully yours,  
Katie Grady  
Debra Jacobs  
Abigail Barzottini