

April 18, 2016

First Grade News

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

Word Work

The new words for the week are: sister, them, night, all, children. Please help your child practice these words all week and use the menu of choices at home. There will be a quiz on Friday.

Science:

Our next school Character Assembly will be on April 29th at 9:15. The first graders will be singing a song about the rainforest. We hope you can make it!

Memory Books

Your child's Memory Book Assignment is coming home today in their Take-home folder. The memories are due back no later than Friday May 27th, 2016. 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.

Math Workshop

We are beginning a new Unit of Study: Whole Number Concepts, Estimation and Computation using Addition and Subtraction within 100. Students will notice patterns that occur when making and adding groups of ten. Students will understand that groupings of ones, tens, and hundreds can be composed (put together) and decomposed (taken apart) in different ways. Students will understand that numbers can be decomposed (taken apart) and the smaller

amounts can be added in varying orders, yet still be equivalent! Wow, that is a lot of work ahead of us, but we are ready for the challenge!

Curriculum Enrichment

A representative from Roaring Brook will be coming to first grade on **April 21, 2016**. 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 28, 2016**. 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!

Bird Craft Museum Field Trip:

Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along to our Bird Craft Field Trip! We learned about many birds and their surroundings! Fun was had by all!

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. We have received many preference sheets already. If you have not already turned your preference sheet into your child's teacher, please do so before April 22. Thank you for your help.

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,
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