

## First Grade News

April 2, 2018

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful weekend with your children. Can you believe this weather!! Here's our news for the week!

### **Conferences and Early Dismissal**

We are looking forward to sharing your children's progress with you during conferences. **Please note that there will be an early dismissal at 1:40pm on Wednesday.**

### **Word Wall Words**

The new words for the week are: **best, down, who, tell, made**. Please complete sentence writing and create new words using this week's builder words. Your child can chose the last activity from the spelling menu. Please hand in all work by Friday. We will also have a test on Friday which will also include last week's words (from, did, eat, teacher, kick).

\*\*\*Your child should be able to read and write each word wall word in a snap. Please continue to practice all introduced words. Mrs. P adds all of the weekly words onto Spelling City, so you may want to give it a try!

### **Reading and Writing**

This week we are finishing our Poetry Units. This week we will be focusing on reading poetry with appropriate fluency by using punctuation, line breaks, white space, and other aspects of the way a poem looks.

### **Math**

We are continuing to study place value. The purpose of this unit is to develop students' understanding of place value. Using a series of investigations students will gather data and study patterns in our place value system to deepen their understanding of place value concepts. Students will understand that a digit can represent ones or tens or hundreds, depending on where it is placed and will compare two- digit numbers. Students will see that place value patterns occur when making and adding groups of ten. They will also understand that groupings of ones,

tens, and hundreds can be composed (put together) and decomposed (taken apart) in different ways.

**Here are some things you can continue to practice at home:**

\* 10 more/10 less

\*breaking number apart in flexible ways. Here are some ways to build 34:

$$30 + 4 = 34$$

$$10 + 10 + 10 + 4 = 34$$

$$20 + 10 + 4 = 34$$

$$5 + 5 + 5 + 5 + 5 + 5 + 4 = 34$$

\*counting by 10s from any given number. (Example: 7, 17, 27, 37, 47...)

\*writing number up to 120

**Science**

We are continuing our research in the library with Mrs. P. The students are using PebbleGo and library books to learn all about the animals.

**April Character Assembly**

\*\*Mark your calendars for Monday, April 30 at 2:30pm. 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

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 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:15-1:15. (Rain date is May 31<sup>st</sup>). All families are welcome to meet us there!

Sincerely,  
Debbie Jacobs and Allison Hafford