

First Grade News

April 23, 2018

Dear Parents,
Here's our news for the week!

Beardsley Zoomobile

We were thrilled to receive a visit from a zoo educator last week who taught us many things about animals. We were able to meet an Asian forest scorpion, a dove, a ball python, and a chinchilla.

Word Wall Words

The new words for this week are: what, after, friend, saw, him. Please practice sentence writing beginning with a capital letter and ending with punctuation. Students should only be using capital letter to begin a sentence or for a proper noun. Your child should also build new words using the -aw (claw) and -im (slim) patterns. All work should be handed in by Friday.

Reading

We continue to learn about Folktales. This week we will learn to use plot mountains to identify the important events and characters in a story. We will also dig deeper into some of the stories we have read together to discover types of characters, lessons characters have learned and language used in them.

Writing

Last week we learned that readers love satisfying endings. One way writers create satisfying endings for their readers is by telling what happens to their characters at the end of their story. This makes their readers happy! We know how important it is to get the character out of trouble. We also continue to work on going back into stories when they are finished to revise and edit. The students use checklists and red pens to do this very important work!

Math

We have continued to develop students' conceptual understanding of our number system through explorations with open and closed number lines. We have number lines hanging in our classrooms where the kids are having fun guiding frogs that hop

over stones and lily pads, racing along both forward and backward in distances of 1, 5, and 10.

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

****Please return the permission slip for the Birdcraft Sanctuary as soon as possible!**

***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 **at the Burr Street location!**

***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

