

April 4, 2016

First Grade News

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

Word Work

The new words for the week are: brother, rain, people, talk, off. Please help your child practice these words all week and use the menu of choices at home.

Reading Workshop

We are enjoying our folktale and fairytale unit of study! We have talked a lot about how readers improve the representation of characters by noticing how a character is feeling at different parts of the story. We study the pictures, and think about how the character is feeling now? We talked about how Goldilocks is happy-go-lucky and at the end of the story she runs away. We continue to tell how a character is feeling by noticing illustrations, character actions, and word choice. Our Reading Incentive program is coming to an end. Please make sure you send your reading minutes in to your child's teacher no later than tomorrow. Our goal is 75 minutes per week for each child. Even though the incentive program is over, we would encourage you to continue this amazing stamina and love of reading with your children every day.

Math Workshop

We are continuing to learn about time. We have explained to the students that there are 60 seconds in one minute and 60 minutes in one hour. We assigned different activities to students and they worked with partners to predict, perform, and record how many of each activity they can do in one minute! We are understanding the length or duration of a minute! Wow, time is so exciting!

Curriculum Enrichment

A representative from Roaring Brook will be coming to first grade on **April 21, 2016**. The kids will learn all about frogs.

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!

BirdCraft Museum Field Trip:

*We will be visiting the Birdcraft Sanctuary on April 8th.

1-Jacobs 9:15-10:30

1-Barzottini 10:45-12:00

1-Cabezas 1:30-2:45

Please make sure to fill out the permission slip and return it to your child's teacher at your earliest convenience. If you are chaperoning, parents would need to meet us at the museum.

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. The preference sheet will be coming home soon

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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Abigail Barzottini

