

May 15, 2017

First Grade News

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful Mother's Day weekend with your family! Here is our news.

Word Work:

The new words for the week are: **thing, see, over, can't, look**. Please help your child practice these words all week and choose from the homework menu!

Writing:

We have just started a new unit of study: Poetry! We have talked about how writers of poetry look at everyday objects and try to see them differently. One way to do this is to compare it to something. We have talked about strategies that poets use in their writing. Poets find a big topic that gives them a big, strong feeling. Poets find a small object, moment or detail that holds the big feeling. Poets look at ordinary things with poet eyes. Wow we are very busy in writing workshop!

Memory Books: Memory Books are due Friday May 26th.

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!

Author's Tea: Our annual Author's Tea will take place on **June 7th and 8th** at **11:15-11:55**. Please send back your date preference sheet at your earliest convenience.

***We will be visitning the Beardsley Zoo** All three classes will be going on Friday May 26th from 10:15-1:15. The rain date is June 2nd.

End of the Year Party: Our end of the year party will be on Wednesday, June 14th at 12:00-12:40. We will be having an outside picnic lunch on the playground and all are welcome to attend. Please save the date! Children will be able to order hot lunch that day if needed, or bring a special lunch from home. If you are joining

us, please bring a blanket or towel from home, so that your family may sit and enjoy your lunch. Your child may wear his/her tie dye shirt to the lunch. You may want to send in a sharpie marker, as kids will have the opportunity to sign each other's shirts.

Respectfully yours,
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