

May 2, 2016

First Grade News

Dear Parents,

Word Work:

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

Math:

We are loving our new unit of study, and we are working with an open number line! Unlike the traditional number line that has numbers below it, the open number line is simply an empty line used to record children's addition or subtraction strategies. We have been introducing addition strategies including keeping one number whole and taking leaps of ten, moving to a benchmark number, and decomposing. For example: $33+20$

Keeping one number whole and taking leaps of ten: $33, 43, 53$

Moving to a benchmark number: $3 + 7 = 40 + 10 + 3 = 53$

Decomposing using place value: $30 + 20 + 3 = 53$

Science: We are in need of 1 volunteer for the entire first grade, to help collect pond water from the Audubon Society. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested.

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!

Beardsley Zoo Field Trip: We will be visiting the Beardsley Zoo on May 27th from 10:15-1:30. (Rain date is June 3rd).

We will be leaving school around 10:15am on Friday, May 27, 2016 and returning to school at approximately 2pm. The cost for the trip will be \$5.00 (cash) per child to cover the estimated cost of transportation. We have set up a rain date for Friday, June 3, 2016. Each child should bring a clearly labeled bag lunch (with NO NUT PRODUCTS) and should dress comfortable with his/her Tie Dye T-shirt on. Every parent is allowed to join us, however...we are asking parents that want to be

"official chaperones" take on a small group to be able to commit to both dates! If you would like to come, the admission cost is \$15.00 for an adult. If you are chaperoning, please plan to be there at least 20 minutes early to pay so that you are available when we arrive at the zoo.

Author's Tea: Our annual Author's Tea will take place on June 1st and 2nd at 11:15-11:45. We have sent out your child's invitation to our Author's Tea, please make sure to return this to your child's teacher by May 13, 2016. Please let us know how many people will be attending. 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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