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First Grade News

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed the weekend with your children. Here’s our news for the week.

**Conferences**

Conference slips will be coming home in your child’s folder on Friday. Every effort has been made to accommodate requested times. Please resend the confirmed time back to your child’s teacher.

**Reading and Writing**

This week we will begin new units in Reading and Writing about Poetry, which will be taught collaboratively. The reading lessons will aid the students with their writing, and their writing will allow them to read and understand poems on a deeper level.

**Reading Incentive Program**

Don’t forget to keep recording time spent reading at home each week. Minutes are collected each Monday. Announcements will be made during the morning announcements each Wednesday to reveal our school totals.

**Word Work**

The new words for the week are: quit, have, give, of, jump

Mrs. P. has compiled all of the introduced word wall words into Spelling City. This is a wonderful resource that the students will use this week during Tech. Time. Please feel free to use it at home to continue to practice and review word wall words. <https://www.spellingcity.com/jenningsllc/>

**Math**

We have continued our learning with Place Value. It all began with the story of the Masloppy family –an endearing, large family that finds it difficult to keep track of things. Everyone is forever losing, misplacing, and looking for things. One of the children, Nicholas, decides to sort, organize, and take inventory of things in the house. The idea of taking inventory came alive in our classrooms last week, as your children worked together to sort and organize many different tubs of materials last week. The discussions focused on organizing in groups and skip-counting, then specifically on groups of ten. The concept of place value was presented as the students packed objects into groups of ten and studied patterns in the data.

**Science**

We have continued to study the solar system. The students have learned what can be seen in the day and night sky. They have also learned that the Earth’s rotation causes day and night. This week we will talk about similarities and differences between the Earth and the Moon.

Respectfully,

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