

April 20, 2015

## First Grade News

Dear First Grade Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful break. Here is our news for the week!

### **Word Work**

The new words for the week are: will, pretty, animal, little, old. Please help your child practice these words all week!

### **Health/Second Steps**

We have started a new unit in our Second Steps program called Emotion Management. The goal of this unit is to develop students' ability to identify and manage their own strong feelings. Students will learn that feelings vary in strength. They will also learn that strong feelings need to be managed. Here are the Calm-Down Steps:

- Stop-use your signal
- Name your feeling
- Calm down:
  - Breathe
  - Count
  - Use positive self-talk

### **Math**

We are beginning a new unit called Measurement and Time. Please see the information sheet coming home in your child's Take-Home folder.

### **Science**

Our next school Character Assembly will be on Friday, April 24 at 2:15. The first graders will be singing a song about the rainforest. We hope you can make it!

### **Spring Tie-Dye Parties**

The first grade classes will celebrate spring on **Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** in the cafeteria at the following times:

- 1-Jacobs 1:30-2:00
- 1-Cabezas 2:00-2:30
- 1-Rojee 2:30-3:00

\*Please be sure to sign in at the office before making your way to the cafeteria.

We will be making "Rain Forest" tie-dye shirts in the cafeteria and we need all the volunteers we can get! Thank you to the parents that have already volunteered their time! If you have time and would still like to assist, we would love and appreciate having you! Please save the date! Please do not wear nice clothes on this day. This project is messy, so have your child dress accordingly. It may be messy, but it will be so worth it! We will wear our t-shirts to our upcoming trip to the Beardsley Zoo!

\*We are still looking for volunteers to help prepare for our tie-dye party by rubber banding t-shirts. Mrs. Calandriello has booked the Jennings cafeteria for **Tuesday, April 21 from 9:00-10:00 a.m.** Please send in the volunteer form if you are interested!

### **Curriculum Enrichment**

A representative from Roaring Brook will be coming to first grade on **Tuesday, April 28, 2015**. The kids will learn all about frogs.

The Beardsley Zoomobile is also coming to first grade on **Wednesday, April 29, 2015!** 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!

### **Beardsley Zoo**

The first grade will be going to the Beardsley Zoo! We will be going on **Friday, May 22, 2015**. All parents are welcome to attend this trip. We do need many parent volunteers to help chaperone this trip! Please return the permission slip as soon as possible! Our rain date will be on May 29.

### **Birdcraft Museum**

Birdcraft Museum field trip will be on **June 1, 2015**. All parents are welcome to attend at the following times:

1-Jacobs 9:15-10:30

1-Cabezas 10:45-12:00

1-Rojee 1:30-2:45

Please return the permission slip as soon as possible! Parents would need to meet us at the museum.

**Author's Tea**

Our annual Author's Tea will take place on **Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We will be asking parents to specify which day is preferred to come into the classroom. Please return the preference sheet as soon as possible!

**End of the Year Party**

Our end of the year party will be on Friday, June 12 at 11:30. All are welcome to attend. We will be watching a slide show and eating pizza. Please save the date!

Respectfully yours,  
Allison Cabezas  
Debra Jacobs  
Maureen Rojee