

April 27, 2015

First Grade News

Dear First Grade Parents,

This week will be very busy with a lot of fun activities and presentations. We hope you can join us for the Tie-dye party on Thursday. See the schedule below for all of the dates!

Word Work

The new words for the week are: **brother, people, talk, rain, off**. Please help your child practice these words all week!

Reading

This week we will be beginning a new unit of study called *Fiction Character Study*. We will use what we have already learned in our Fiction unit and delve a little deeper into the characters of stories. We will start off by identifying main and minor characters and identifying characters' external and internal traits.

Writing

The students have been working very hard to revise the poems they selected to be included in their Author's Tea book. We are very excited to share them with you at the Tea!

Spring Tie-Dye Parties

The first grade classes will celebrate spring on **Thursday, April 30th** 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 2nd and Wednesday, June 3rd.** 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