

May 11, 2015

First Grade News

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed some quality time with your family this weekend. Happy belated Mother's Day!

***It is getting very warm and the children require more drinks throughout the day. Please send your child in with a daily water bottle.

Word Work

The new words for the week are: **good, won't, house, school, why**. Please help your child practice these words all week!

Memory Books

Your child's Memory Book Assignment came home last week in their Take-home folder. **The memories are due back no later than June 1st. 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!

Reading

We have continued to learn about fiction stories and to dive deep deeper into studying fictional characters. We have been noticing characters' external traits or appearance (eye color, hair color) and internal traits (brave, shy, persistent). We have learned that readers can pay attention to what characters say and do to determine their internal traits.

Writing

This week we will continue working on Fiction writing. We have learned that fiction writers think of pretend characters, think of familiar settings and imagine adventures for their characters. We've also learned that writers can go back into their stories and work on their endings. One way they can work on their endings is to get their character out of trouble. Adding dialogue, action or feelings help to stretch out the ending.

Math

We are currently exploring time! Today we used what we have learned about fractions to help us learn more about the clock. We learned that when it is half past the hour, 30 minutes have gone by. We also learned that when it is quarter after or quarter past, 15 minutes have passed in the hour. At quarter of or quarter til, 45 minutes have passed and 15 minutes remain in the hour.

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

Author's Tea invitations came home last week. Please return the bottom portion to your child's teacher so that we can prepare supplies for this very exciting event!

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,
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