

May 4, 2015

First Grade News

Dear Parents,

Word Work

The new words for the week are: **all, children, night, them, sister**. Please help your child practice these words all week!

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 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!

Writing

Last week we began a new unit called Fiction writing. The unit begins with an invitation for the children to do something they already love doing -pretending! Their instinct to pretend, to assume different roles and to see the world through those roles, is a fundamental part of fiction writing. We used our pretending skills to invent characters and small moment adventures. This week we will introduce the notion that characters face a bit of trouble- and that writers then get their characters out of trouble to give a satisfying ending.

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

Be on the lookout for Author's Tea invitations this week. They will be coming home in your child's take-home folder. It will specify which date your child will be presenting their poetry books. They are really looking forward to sharing them with you!

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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Debra Jacobs
Maureen Rojee