

May Happenings in Grade 1

Mrs. Regele



Reading/Language Arts

In Reading we are finishing up our unit on folktales. We have enjoyed classic folktales as well as folktales from around the world. Students know the elements that are in a folktale. We will continue to read both fiction and nonfiction texts as well poetry in our classroom.

Students will continue to receive five new word wall words for the next few weeks. Please continue to have them practice all of the words nightly. We will continue to have weekly word wall writes.

Writing

This month students will be introduced to Narrative Writing. This type of writing is used for telling a story. Students will write about an event, a series of events, or an experience they have had. Students have been retelling narrative texts by mapping them out in small guided reading groups or as a class. They will now take these same strategies and apply them to their own pieces of writing when recounting a personal event or experience. Students will tell the reader Who was there, When and Where the event took place, What happened and how the event or experience ended. The mnemonic for this is WWWE.

On June 3rd mark your calendars. First grade will be having an Author's Celebration in the classroom. Your child will show off writing samples completed throughout the year. This celebration will start at 12:45pm.



Mathematics

In Math this month will work on Topics 14 and 15. I have attached the Home-School Connection Newsletter to this letter. Topic 14 will focus on 2-D and 3-D shapes, as well as vertices, edges and flat surfaces. We will learn the names of 3-D shapes such as cone, sphere, cube and cylinder.

In Topic 15 students will be introduced fractions.

Students will be introduced to halves, fourths, equal shares and quarters. During the month of June we will complete ten mini-lessons that will introduce them to second grade math concepts.

Social Studies

In Social Studies this month we will learn about our National Symbols such as the Liberty Bell, The Statue of Liberty, The American Flag, and The Bald Eagle. We will also read about the importance of Memorial Day and why we observe it.

We will study maps and globes. Students will learn to locate physical features on a map such as continents, oceans, lakes, mountains and rivers. We will also learn the cardinal directions; north, south, east and west.



Science

In the next coming weeks, more explicit information will be coming home regarding the **Project's Fair** on May 30th. We will support your "scientists" in the classroom, as they explore and discover seeds and seed parts, keep data on which seeds germinate faster than others, as well as what a plant needs to survive. A science notebook will be kept at school that includes observations, notes, sketches and data.

To end our school year, we will complete a mini-unit on sound. Students will learn that vibrations make sound, and that sound can make vibrations. Students will construct a device that uses sound or light to communicate over a distance.

Field Trip Reminders

On May 1st, we will be going on our field trip to the Community Harvest Project located in Grafton, MA. We will participate in a variety of activities. Some of our planned activities include planting seedlings to bring home, nutrition lessons, vegetable tasting and farming. Mrs. Simoncini was the volunteer who won the lottery to be our chaperone. Thank you to her and everyone else who did volunteer. I am sorry that you all could not go.

Here are some things to remember about the field trip:

- Please dress according to the weather.
- Apply sunscreen before school and wear a hat
- Spray bugspray before school
- Wear sneakers only
- Arrive to school on time

Important Dates

5-1 Gov. Council Meeting 7:30am
5-1 Gr 1 Field Trip
5-13 PTG Meeting 630pm
5-17 Memorial Day Sing Along 9:30am
5-23 Scholastic Book Fair Begins
5-28 Memorial Day (No School)
5-30 Project's Fair 5:30-6:30pm
6-7 Race for Education
6-13 WOW Assembly 9:30am
6-18 Last day of School

Wish List

*tissues
*Lysol wipes
*flashlights (need 4)
*bag of soil

As the year winds down, the next few weeks will be filled with the end of the year assessments in Reading, Writing, Phonics and Mathematics. We will use these assessments as a guide for the next year's teacher, as well as to celebrate the growth your child has made this year.

Thank you again to everyone who sent in supplies last month. As always I appreciate your support. If you would like to come in to share any information or a book about something we will be learning about please let me know. We would love to have you in.

Have a great month,
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