

## Miss Collins' 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Classroom News

### Important Dates:

- Late Start Mondays: school begins @ **9:05am.**
  - October 12, 19, 26
- **10/16:** Fun Run (PM) **WEAR ORANGE to show your 1<sup>st</sup> grade spirit!**
- **10/24:** Trunk or Treat @ 3pm
- **10/25:** Haunted Garage (10/30 rain date)
- **10/29:** Picture Retakes
- **10/30:** Halloween Parade/Party (11:30 Dismissal)
- **11/3:** No School (Election Day)
- **11/4:** Aladdin @ Parcels (9am)
- **11/11:** Evening Conferences
- **11/12:** All Day Conferences (No school for students)
- **11/24:** Half Day for Thanksgiving Break (11:30 Dismissal) School resumes Monday, 11/30

### Specials for the week:

- Monday: Art
- Tuesday: Library (bring book)
- Wednesday: Music
- Thursday: Gym (bring shoes)
- Friday: Art

### Weekly Words:

- **Sight Words:** the, an, a, and, am
- **Word family:** -an

\*Spelling tests will be on sight words every Friday morning.\*

### Classroom Info:

#### Reading:

Readers are practicing print strategies when they see an unfamiliar word. These different strategies have been practiced with whole group, buddy reading and independent reading. I have attached a Print Strategies book mark that includes the same strategies students have been introduced to at school. This is a great resource for homework packets and reading at home.

#### Writing:

A Time I Lost Something has been a great first small moment for our unit of study. Students did a great job working on a beginning (medium snowball), middle (large snowball), and end (medium snowball). Our next small moment will be about A Difficult Time.

**Math:**

Students have been identifying addends of ten, or "BFFs of 10", and addition strategies. We discussed using pictures, using counters, tens frames and our hands. The most frequently used strategy in first grade is when we "put the big number in our head and the little number in our hand". For example, an addition sentence such as  $3+6=$  students know to "put 6 in your head and count up 3 on your hand". This strategy helps students understand the concept of "counting on" and gain number sense.

**Social Studies/Science:**

Students enjoyed Fireman Mr. Gatteno's fire safety assembly on Wednesday. We have shared ways to be safe in the case of a fire and appropriate actions to take. Creating a plan and being prepared is the best way to make sure we are safe.

**Collins' Comments:**

- We are still collecting pledges for Fun Run. We are about halfway to our goal of \$10,000. Thanks to ALL for your support and generosity in helping out our school. 1<sup>st</sup> grade is team orange. **Students may dress in orange on Friday to show our team spirit 😊**

Have a great weekend!

Miss Collins

**Halloween AM Schedule:**

8:45-9:15 School Parade

9:15-10:15 Classroom Party

10:15-11:00 Assembly

11:00-11:30 Classroom Movie

11:30 Dismissal

**Halloween Boos and Don'ts!**

- No weapons of any kind allowed at school.
- Please no scary masks. Your child needs to be able to see clearly through the eye holes to prevent accidents at school.

# Ways to Take Action!



## Eagle Eye

Look at the picture.  
Use the beginning letter.



## Lips the Fish

Get your mouth ready.  
Say the first sound.



## Stretchy Snake

Sloooooowly stretch each  
letter sound together.



## Chunky Monkey

Break the word into  
chunks you know.  
m at © fl at © spl at ter



## Tryin' Lion

Try to re-read the  
sentence. Think about  
what would make sense.



## Skippy Frog

Skip the tricky word.  
Read to the end.  
Go back & try it again.



## Flippy Dolphin

Flip the vowel sound.  
Try long & short sounds.