

Miss Collins' 1st Grade Classroom News

Important Dates:

- Late Start Mondays: school begins @ **9:05am.**
 - October 5, 12, 19, 26
- **10-5-10/8:** Walk or Bike to School Week
- **10/7:** Student Count Day
- **10/8:** **Family Movie Night** Join us in celebrating the end of *The One & Only Ivan* by watching DisneyNature "Chimpanzee" @ Mason with your family! It's free & all students must be accompanied by an adult during the movie. (Doors open @ 5:45, movie starts @ 6)
- **10/16:** Fun Run (time TBD) **Super Hero Theme**
- **10/24:** Trunk or Treat/Fall Fest @ 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: Gym (bring shoes)
- Tuesday: Art
- Wednesday: Library (bring book)
- Thursday: Music
- Friday: Gym

Weekly Words:

We will begin our word family focus next week.

- **Friday, 10/9:** first homework packet sent home in Boomerangs.
- **Friday 10/16:** first spelling test

Sight words that will appear on spelling tests will be listed in the Homework Packet and in this section of the newsletters.

Classroom Info:

Reading:

Readers practice routine and procedures: we have set goals in our reading as a class and practiced our reading workshop routine. We have monitored our noise level and understood our roles as a reader. Students have also done a great job buddy reading, using Raz-Kids and our books on CD station.

Writing:

We launched our Small Moment writing unit with the Knuffle Bunny (hey, KN blend and Spy Y!) series. This mentor text provides students with a small moment focus of "A Time I Lost Something". This unit will begin with finger stories, sketching a picture of each part, adding words to the pictures that "zoom in" on the details of their small moment.

Math:

Students continue to work with coins (pennies and nickels) and practiced some exchanging. My website has a video "Show Me The Money" that highlights each coin and the exchanges that can be made. We also practiced recognizing even and odd numbers. We sing: "We always look at the ones place" to the tune "Sally the Camel" to help us determine if a number is even or odd. Odd Todd and Even Steven is also a popular video on my website that helps students identify which numbers are even and odd.

Social Studies/Science:

This week we focused on the three reasons we have rules: to keep people safe, keep things organized and to make sure everyone is treated fairly.

Collins' Comments:

- **Raz-Kids:** Log-in cards were put in the back pocket of planners. If your child needs help logging on, they know where their cards are stored.
- **Box Tops:** Mason is collecting Box Tops again this year. Please send in any that you have accumulated once a month to go towards purchasing books for our library. Last year we earned over \$1,000 with your help 😊

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.