

Miss Collins' 1st Grade Classroom News

Important Dates:

- Late Start Mondays: school begins @ **9:05am.**
 - Nov. 9, 16, 23, 26, 30
- **11/11:** Evening Conferences
- **11/12:** All Day Conferences (No school for students)
- **11/15:** Grosse Pointe Open House 1-3pm. Take this time to visit our amazing schools or explore the middle/high schools school your children may soon be attending.
- **11/24:** Half Day for Thanksgiving Break (11:30 Dismissal) School resumes Monday, 11/30.

Specials for the week:

- Monday: *Gym*
- Tuesday: *Art*
- Wednesday: *Library*
- Thursday: *No School*
- Friday: *Gym*

Weekly Words:

- **Sight Words:** as, for, or, on of
- **Word family:** ame

Spelling test on sight words every Friday.

Classroom Info:

Reading

We continue to work on monitoring our reading. Students have been using "invitation words" to discuss their reading and monitor their comprehension during reading. These "5 w's" are helpful in reading and in writing. Be sure to check my website for a video that helps with this topic.

Writing

We wrapped up our small moment of *A Time I Overcame a Problem* with help from our mentor text *Wemberly Worried*. Students are excited to share their stories with you at conferences!

Math:

We began Unit 3 in math this week. This unit focuses on visual patterns, number patterns and patterns in counting.

Social Studies/Science:

We focused on fall seasonal patterns in our weather journals and wrote about fall time activities. We will be celebrating Veteran's Day next week. There was an optional homework assignment sent home last week where students could decorate a military badge honoring a loved one who has served in the armed forces. Check out the main bulletin board next week to see the amazing tribute to our veterans.

Collins' Comments:

- **Conferences:** Below is your scheduled conference time where we will share what has been happening in first grade. Bring your child so they can show you all the great things we've been working on during the first half of the conference. Please note that it is *very* important to stick to the conference schedule of 20 minutes per child so that all families can get their full amount of time and ensures that other Mason staff is on track with their conference schedule as well.

Conference Schedule			
Wednesday Evening 11/11	Thursday Morning 11/12	Thursday Afternoon 11/12	Thursday Evening 11/12
5:00 Kline	8:30 Kociba		5:00 Schroeder
5:20 Brown	8:50 Dempz		5:20 Bugeja
5:40 Ash	9:10 Rumschlag		5:40 Murphy
6:00 Barber	9:30 Corley		6:00 Rohrbaugh
6:20 Cooper	9:50 Nealssohn		
6:40 Lange	10:10 McCulloch		
7:00 Wooten	10:20 Watson		
7:20 Hollingshed	10:30 Rahmen		

Have a great weekend!
Miss Collins