

Miss Collins' 1st Grade Classroom News

Important Dates:

- Late Start Mondays: school begins @ **9:05am.**
Feb 1, 8, 22, 29
- **2/2:** Walk to Jet's Pizza (9:30-10:15am)
- **2/10 & 2/11:** Valentine's Day Guessing Jar
Students can guess the number of chocolate candies in a jar during lunch. Guesses are \$0.25 each or 5 guesses for \$1.00. All proceeds go towards buying a "buddy bench" for our playground.
- **2/10:** Lego Day (see attached)
- **2/11:** Valentine's Day Mailbox due
- **2/12:** Valentine's Day Party (2:00-3:15)
- **2/15-2/19:** Mid-Winter Break. School resumes 2/22 @ 9:05am.

Specials for the week:

- Monday: Library
- Tuesday: Music
- Wednesday: Gym
- Thursday: Art
- Friday: Library

Weekly Words:

- **Sight Words:** went, got, will, were, play
- **Word family:** eck

Spelling test on sight words every Friday.

Classroom Info:

Reading

We wrapped up our unit this week that has focused on retelling and comprehension. We will begin our new unit, Reader's Pursue Their Interests, this month where we will read from Frog and Toad and work on chapter comprehension questions.

Writing

Students began writing their own How To stories this week. The format of these informational stories includes materials, transition words and pictures to describe each step. Students have had fun sharing out their expertise!

Math:

We have been working on number stories and fact families this week. Students have been getting to know how three numbers can provide us with four separate math equations. This concept can be tricky at first but very helpful once students have mastered this skill!

Social Studies/Science:

We continue to work on responsibilities as first graders including taking care of our homework, winter wear and snacks. I have included a responsibility check list to be kept at home to reinforce these tasks as a helpful guide for your student.

Collins' Comments:

- **Walk to Jet's Field Trip Tuesday, 2/2 @ 9:30-10:15am:** First grade will get a tour of Jet's Pizza to see how the business works. Students will get to see how a pizza is made by my former boss, Mr. Jay Yaklin, to tie in with our How To writing unit. We will walk back from Jet's at snack time. Students will enjoy a pizza lunch from Mr. Jay so **students DO NOT need a lunch on 2/2.**
- We are in need of drinks & chips to go with our pizza lunch. If you would like to donate any of these items, please let me know. Thanks!

Have a great weekend!

Miss Collins



LEGO DAY: Wednesday, 2/10 (30 minutes only)

On this special day students will have the opportunity to build a creative Lego creation of their own or with **one** partner.

Here's what you need to know in order to participate:

- Children should **not** bring in pre-made Lego sets. We are encouraging CREATIVITY.
- Children should have a plan ahead of time of what they would like to build so that precious time is not wasted and that they have the specific Lego's needed to build their fabulous creation.
- Children may bring their Lego's to school in a clearly marked container that includes your child's name & grade.

Individual Participants Need to Bring:

- **large beach towel** with their name clearly written on it
- **cookie sheet with their name written on tape**. The tape needs to be stuck on the cookie sheet to the side (facing upwards) so that their work does not cover their name.

Lego Buddies Need to Bring:

- **One cookie sheet with both names written on it**. Please do not have children combine their Lego's from each home unless you as parents give the "okay".
- **Partners need to be decided before Monday, 2/8**. Teachers **will not** choose partners. Please discuss at home and make arrangements with the other partner's family.