

Miss Collins' 1st Grade Classroom News

Important Dates:

- Late Start Mondays: school begins @ **9:05am.**
Feb 29 / March 7, 14, 21, 28
- **2/29:** "Get Caught Reading" Coupons distributed
- **3/1-3/22:** "Get Caught Reading" Coupon Nights
- **3/4:** Mother/Son Event 7:00-8:30
- **3/10:** Denise Brennan-Nelson Author Assembly (Book orders & checks due 3/4)
- **3/11:** Wear Your Words Day
- **3/15:** Half Day (11:30 dismissal)
- **3/18:** Feelin' Groovy Read-In (2:40-3:20)
- **3/23:** "Get Caught Reading" Call Night (6:30-7:00pm)
- **3/24:** Dress Up Like a Book Character Day (no "big costume" necessary – we're avoiding Halloween #2 so celebrate simply 😊)

Specials for the week:

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

Weekly Words:

- **Sight Words:** around, saw, away, any, after
 - **Word family:** est
- *Spelling test on sight words every Friday.*

Classroom Info:

Reading

This week back we reviewed concepts we've covered before break. Students are focusing on reading non-fiction texts where they are using sticky notes to identify exciting or new information, facts or make connections. They have spent time sharing these findings with a buddy.

Writing

We wrapped up our All About Penguins mini-unit this week. Students have been practicing reading from informational texts and how we learn facts while we read by highlighting. We say, "we pick out the parts and put it on the paper". This is the first-grade version of G.B.T.3 – Go Back To The Text - which they will see in the upper grades, that is used to find evidence when responding to text-based questions.

Math:

We are working in Unit 6 in Math which focuses on fact finding strategies, addition and subtraction procedures, and reviewing coin values, measurement and time.

Social Studies/Science:

We have been reading from books that help us identify the different states of matter: a solid is hard while a liquid can move/change shape. We completed a sort that included solids, liquids, and gases as well. Students are building their vocabulary with this new science unit!

Collins' Comments:

- **March is Reading Month** will be filled with fun activities & are listed in the important date section of this newsletter. The "Get Caught Reading" coupons may be returned in a Ziploc bag/envelope with your child's name either daily or in bulk by Tuesday, 3/22.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Collins