

Miss Collins' 1st Grade Classroom News

Important Dates:

- Late Start Mondays: school begins @ **9:05am.**
March 14, 21, 28
- **3/1-3/22:** "Get Caught Reading" Coupon Nights
- **3/15:** Half Day (11:30 dismissal)
- **3/17:** Leprechaun Visit to classroom
- **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 😊)
- **3/25-4/1:** Spring Break. School resumes 4/4 @ 9:05am.
- **4/13:** Evening Conferences
- **4/14:** All Day Conferences (no school for students)

Specials for the week:

- Monday: Music
- Tuesday: Half day – no special
- Wednesday: Art
- Thursday: Library
- Friday: Music

Weekly Words:

- **Sight Words:** will, call, know, yellow, help
- **Word family:** ick

Spelling test on sight words every Friday.

Classroom Info:

Reading

Students have enjoyed reading from Frog and Toad Are Friends while completing activities after reading. Students are practicing "finding evidence" in their reading to accurately answer comprehension questions.

Writing

Students received their own toy pet frog to keep in their habitat (their desk). This is meant to give students a sense of responsibility and provide some visual aid in our All About writing unit. Students have spent time researching frogs through a variety of informational texts. These facts will become a collection of facts that will be used to help students write their "All About My Frog" writing piece later this month.

Math:

Students are reviewing many math skills to build automaticity and fluency. Don't forget to utilize FAST math at home and any iPad apps that focus on addition and subtraction skills. Mason's 1st grade website has many other math games including time and place value.

Social Studies/Science:

Students have been introduced to the frog lifecycle and will continue to learn more about these amphibians over the course of the month. We also celebrated Dr. Seuss for March is Reading Month with a Scholastic article about his accomplishments.

Collins' Comments:

- **Mason Spring Fest:** This year's carnival-themed Spring Fest will be held on Saturday, May 7. Each classroom collects items to build a basket that can be bid on & possibly won at the event! Our class' theme is **Beach Day Basket**. I will send out a SignUpGenius closer to the date for items to be donated (water toys, sunglasses, tote bag, sun screen, etc.)
- **Operation Gratitude:** There is a table in the front hallway for drop off of items for overseas care package donations. Please turn in donations by **FRIDAY, MARCH 18th**.
Wish list items include: Unscented baby wipes, 30+ sunblock, unflavored lip balm, protein/granola/breakfast bars (NO KIND BARS), trail mix, individual bags of peanuts, fruit snacks, beef jerky, hard wrapped candy, gum, individual sugar/cream packs, roll on deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, mouthwash (travel-size), crossword and word search puzzles, black cotton crew socks.
- **Daylight Savings** this weekend! Don't forget to spring forward an hour!



Have a great weekend!

Miss Collins