

Miss Collins' 1st Grade Classroom News

Important Dates:

- Late Start Mondays: school begins @ **9:05am.**
March 21, 28
April 4, 11, 18, 25
- **3/1-3/22:** "Get Caught Reading" Coupon Nights
- **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 😊) & **report cards/conference times go home.**
- **3/25-4/1:** Spring Break. School resumes 4/4 @ 9:05am.
- **4/11:** Scholastic Book Fair during conferences
- **4/13:** Evening Conferences
- **4/14:** All Day Conferences (no school for students)

Specials for the week:

- Monday: Gym
- Tuesday: Art
- Wednesday: Library
- Thursday: Music
- Friday: No School (spring break)

Weekly Words:

- **Sight Words:** here, sleep, green, take, lake, make
- **Word family:** ill

Spelling test on Thursday, 3/24.

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

Our first grade frog researchers have done a great job reading through texts to find facts about frogs. They have also gotten to know more about frogs through fictional stories with realistic features including Magic School Bus Hops Home and There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Frog.

Math:

We wrapped up unit 6 in math. Unit 7 focuses on geometry and attributes. This includes sorting attribute blocks, polygon practice, 3-dimensional shapes and symmetry. We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with some Lucky Charms graphing as well.

Social Studies/Science:

Students have been practicing the phases of the frog life cycle. This includes identifying eggs, tadpole, tadpole with leg and adult frog. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, we also learned about Ireland and it's natural surroundings.

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.)
- **Dress Up Like a Book Character Day:** On Thursday, students can come to school in a **simple/easy** book character **outfit and the corresponding book**.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Collins