Week of: March 7 Room 206

Miss Collins' 1st Grade Classroom News

Important Dates:

- Late Start Mondays: school begins @ **9:05am**.
  March 7, 14, 21, 28
- **3/1-3/22:** "Get Caught Reading" Coupon Nights
- **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 ☺)
- **3/25-4/1:** Spring Break. School resumes 4/4 @ 9:05am.

Specials for the week:

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

Weekly Words:

- **Sight Words:** just, put, about, want, right
- **Word family:** in

Spelling test on sight words every Friday.

Classroom Info:

Reading

We began reading from Frog and Toad are Friends this week. Students have their own frog folder which will hold their comprehension question packet, frog facts found during frog research, frog life-cycle activities and many other activities that goes with the **All About** Frogs unit.

Writing

We spent time this week writing about Leap Year and understanding this unusual day of the year. We also wrote letters to soldiers for "Operation Gratitude". More information about this event can be found on the flyer that was sent home earlier this week. Students shared what types of things they are thankful for because of those serving our country.

Week of: March 7 Room 206

Math:
We continue to work on fact fluency this week to improve speed and accuracy. Students have been practicing ways to "name" a number which builds number sense knowledge.
Social Studies/Science:
Students began the Solids and Liquids unit by identifying properties of various solid objects. Students have practiced using the words flexible, rigid, smooth, rough, hard, soft, pointed, has color and flat to identify properties of solids. We also learned the properties of liquids using words including transparent, translucent, viscous, bubbly a foamy. We will continue this unit next week.

Collins' Comments:

- March is Reading Month will be filled with fun activities & are listed in the important date section of this newsletter and on my website. 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.
- Miss Collins will be gone Thursday & Friday (3/10 & 3/11): I will be attending the MACUL conference for technology and 21st century learning. This is a full two day conference in Grand Rapids and will have Ms. Block subbing for these two days. Please send time sensitive issues (like early dismissal or dismissal changes) to the office.
- 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.)

Have a great weekend!
Miss Collins