

Miss Collins' 1st Grade Classroom News

Important Dates:

- **4/29:** Crazy Hair Day
- **5/7:** Spring Fest/Tin Can Auction 4-7pm. Auctioning begins @ 7:30pm
- **5/13:** Sunglasses Day for \$1 (proceeds go to Wigs4Kids)
- **5/20:** Half Day (11:30 dismissal) & 9:00am Volunteer Reception
- **5/30:** No School (Memorial Day)
- **5/31:** Twin Day
- **6/1:** Field Day (AM)
- **6/3:** Author's Tea 9:00-10:00am
- **6/10:** End of the Year Party to Hunt's Gym!
Pizza picnic lunch at Mason to follow.
 - 10:00am depart from Mason to Hunt's
 - 12:00pm return to Mason for picnic

Specials for the week:

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

Weekly Words:

- **Sight Words:** red, blue, brown, think, jump
- **Word family:** ip

Spelling test on sight words every Friday.

Classroom Info:

Reading

We began our Character Study unit this week. Students will practice recognizing character traits by identifying internal and external qualities using fiction books.

Writing

What a wonderful week in writing! Students wrote their final frog piece, All About My Frog. This includes a table of contents, four descriptive chapters and an about the author page. We will be reviewing writing fictional pieces to prepare for the Grosse Pointe Writing in May.

Math:

We practiced comparing money, place value with base 10 blocks, number stories and making changes this week.

Social Studies/Science:

Happy Earth Day! We celebrated this through books, ways to keep the Earth healthy and made an Earth Day pledge.

Collins' Comments:

- **First Grade Author's Tea (Friday, 6/3 @ 9:00-10:00am):** It's a first grade tradition for our amazing first grade authors to celebrate great growth in writing by hosting families in our classroom to listen to students read one of their great written pieces! Come enjoy stories, refreshments & capture some end of the year photos!
- **End of the Year Party (Friday, 6/10 @ 10:00am depart for Hunt's. 12:00 return to Mason for picnic):** Both first grades will celebrate an end to an amazing year with a trip to Hunt's Gym (Harrison Township)! We will be in need of drivers for this event. We will return to Mason where first graders and family members are welcome to enjoy a pizza picnic lunch on Mason's lawn.
- **Classroom Twitter:** I sent out an email on Monday sharing our classroom Twitter page. This is just a fun way to see what's happening in our classroom or see posts that I've retweeted that may be helpful, interesting or just for a laugh. To access our page, go to www.twitter.com/misscollins206. You may access this page without an account **or** choose to create an account and "**follow me**" for automatic updates to your Twitter feed.
- **Shh...It's a Secret:** This project was given out at conferences. Please send in your family's copy by Monday, 5/16. Thanks for helping make a heartfelt gift!

Have a great weekend!

Miss Collins