

Miss Collins' 1st Grade Classroom News

Important Dates:

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

Weekly Words:

- **Sight Words:** would, where, way, went
- **Word family:** ock

Spelling test on sight words every Friday.

Classroom Info:

Reading

We continued to focus on character traits this week. Students have worked on identifying external and internal traits from stories including Arthur, Molly Lou Melon, Olivia and Wemberly Worried. Our class has had fun comparing Arthur books to Arthur episodes.

Writing

We have been preparing for the Grosse Pointe Writing assessment. Students will write on two different days. Their stories should include a clear beginning, middle, and end, punctuation marks, capitals, and stay on topic.

Our class will take the Grosse Pointe Writing on: **Tuesday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 10.**

Thanks for sending your children to school with full bellies and words of encouragement!

Math:

We have been practicing fractions by introducing halves and quarters. Students have also been reviewing adding coins and working on what it means to “make change”. While this concept is a part of our math unit, students should master counting up coins as a first grade skill.

Social Studies/Science:

We worked in our weather journals this week by discussing weather tools including an anemometer and barometer. We also started using our New Plants journal for our new unit!

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.
- **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!
- **Miss Collins will be out on Friday, 5/6:** I'm so excited to be finishing up my Masters of Arts in Education graduate program through MSU. I will be in East Lansing on Friday to attend Michigan State's Commencements ceremony. Mrs. Curcuri (a retired first grade teacher of 19 years) will be subbing, so please send any time sensitive issues to the office. This day, our whole building will participate in a **practice evacuation drill** where students walk to Parcels around 1:00pm. Please be assured that Mrs. Curcuri is fully prepared for this and will be walking with Mrs. Krausmann's class at the same time.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Collins