

Miss Collins' 1st Grade Classroom News

Important Dates:

- **5/30:** No School (Memorial Day)
- **5/31:** Twin Day
- **6/1:** Field Day (K-2 AM) Volunteers needed!
- **6/3:** Author's Tea 9-10am ***See attached***
 Don't forget your cameras or smartphones for the Author's Tea. It's a great time to capture a first grade memory, so make sure your child looks photo-ready! This is also the perfect time for a teacher & student photo 😊
- **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
- **6/15:** Half Day (11:30 dismissal)
- **6/16:** Last day of school (11:30 dismissal)

Specials for the week:

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

Weekly Words:

- **Sight Words:** review through June
- **Word family:** review through June

Spelling test on sight words every Friday.

Classroom Info:

Reading

We got to know Kevin Henkes and how he became the well-known author we've grown to love today! We wrote down facts about Kevin Henkes, including that he was born in Wisconsin and had his first book published, *Kitten's First Full Moon*, at 26 years old!

Writing

We have been practicing plurals this week that include "changing y to an i, add es" and "change f to a v, add es". I have loaded helpful videos to my website that help reinforce this concept. The songs are very catchy!

Math:

We continue to review first grade concepts in math. Students took their first NWEA on Monday and will take their final assessment next week.

Social Studies/Science:

Our seeds have been planted! Students have been learning about a plant's needs: air, soil, sunlight, and water. We will make observations and collect data with our plants as they grow.

Collins' Comments:

- **End of the year events:** Attached are forms with details about all of the end of the year events. Please sign and return the **Author's Tea RSVP & the party packet** by Tuesday, May 31st. Thank you!
- **Camp Invention Info:** Below are details from Molly Collins (Camp Invention Director):

Camp Invention is returning to Grosse Pointe Schools this summer! I am so excited to be taking over as the director of Camp Invention this year. I have been involved in this amazing program in many different roles (instructor, assistant director and Camp Mom) since 2003.

Camp Invention is open to students who will be entering grades 1-6 in the fall. This year, CI will be the week of June 27th-July 1st at Brownell Middle School. Camp days run from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

This highly engaging program will be taught by GPPSS teachers (*including two of our own amazing Mason teachers!*) and includes five STEM-based, high-energy, imaginative classes each day. Students are grouped by grade level and move throughout the day to different classes to participate in hands-on activities for the week. The highlight of the week is our Inventor's Showcase on Friday afternoon.

Our program fills up every year and we anticipate maximum enrollment in the next couple weeks. I would love to see more Mason kids on my roster! Curriculum and registration information can be found by clicking on the link below. I do have a limited number of partial-scholarships available that I would love to have used by Mason students! Please feel free to contact me for more information or with any questions. <http://campinvention.org/>

Have a great weekend!

Miss Collins



Author's Tea



- ♥ **Who:** First grade invites you to our Author's Tea! Don't forget your cameras or smartphones for the Author's Tea. It's a great time to capture a first grade memory, so make sure your child looks phot-ready! This is also the perfect time for a teacher & student photo 😊 (Students will read in alphabetical order).
- ♥ **When:** Friday, 6/3/16. The door will open around 9:00am once our authors have gotten organized. Feel free to browse the hallway filled with some of their great work!
- ♥ **Where:** Room 206
- ♥ **Why:** To enjoy some great stories and refreshments!
- ♥ **How:** Please return this form or send an email to anna.collins@gpschools.org if you are able to attend & how many family members will be joining us.

Author's Tea RSVP

We look forward to seeing you!

Name _____



___ Yes, I will be there & have ___ family members attending.

___ Sorry, I can't make it.