

Miss Collins' 1st Grade Classroom News

Important Dates:

- **5/31:** Twin Day
- **6/1:** Field Day (K-2 AM)
- **6/3:** Author's Tea 9-10am. Don't forget your cameras or smartphones! 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 😊
- **6/7:** Walk to Parcels for middle school choir performance @ 2pm
- **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: No school (Memorial Day)
- 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 spent time this week completing story maps that come in the form of brochures after reading from Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, Owen, and Wemberly Worried. We also worked on venn diagrams that gave students the chance to identify similarities and differences in some of the characters.

Writing

We will spend this week and next week preparing for our Author's Tea. This involves students taking their Grosse Pointe Writing stories and revising their work. This process of editing is a big skill in second grade and gives students practice in the revision process.

Math:

We completed our final NWEA assessment on Monday. I am so impressed with their math knowledge! We have worked on review packets where I've noticed students working independently and proven how much they know...happy dance!

Social Studies/Science:

We're blooming in room 206! Students arrived on Monday to see so many little buds in their grass and brassica cups. We logged our observations in our journals.

Collins' Comments:

- **End of the year events:** Forms went home last Friday. **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