

Miss Collins' 1st Grade Classroom News

Important Dates:

- Late Start Mondays begin next week. School begins at **9:05am**. Dismissal remains the same.
 - September 21, 28
 - October 5, 12, 19, 26
- **9/21-9/22:** Vision & Hearing Testing
- **9/25: Picture Day: Forms in Boomerangs today!**
Send in picture money on day of pictures or pay online. If you wish to send your child with recess clothes for after pictures, they may change in the bathroom.
- **10/2:** Volunteer Tea (in library) @ 8:30am
- **10/16:** Fun Run (time TBD)
- **10/25:** Haunted Garage (10/30 rain date)

Specials for the week:

- Monday: Library (bring book)
- Tuesday: Music
- Wednesday: Gym (bring shoes)
- Thursday: Art
- Friday: Library

Weekly Words:

Each week students will focus on a word family or spelling pattern that will help them during their reading and writing. The word family and word wall words will be listed in this section of the newsletter each week. We will be giving five word spelling tests each Friday morning on **word wall words** (sight words) beginning in October.

Classroom Info:

Reading:

This week students spent time picking out their "just right" book from our classroom library. These books get stored in their own "BFF", or Book File Folder. We also practiced buddy reading with their favorite books from home. They did a great job in their partnerships!

Writing:

The beginning of the year focuses on practicing handwriting skills. This includes using finger spaces and recognizing the shape of a letter. You may hear students refer to "chicken/monkey/giraffe letters" - no, we don't work at the zoo! This has been our way of determining the appropriate formation of letters so that they fit inside the lines neatly.

Math:

We began using our Everyday Math journals this week which focused on number formation and using tally marks. We will continue to use our journals and focus on some fun number sense games. Be sure to check out the first grade page on Mason's website for math skill games.

Social Studies/Science:

We celebrated Constitution day this week! We made our own classroom rules that reflected the US Constitution's purpose. We also have been graphing the daily weather in our weather journals. We have some great meteorologists in our room! We talked about science instruments and their function including a thermometer and a barometer. BIG words for our firsties ☺ We've practiced saying "when it's HIGH it's HOT, when it's LOW it's COLD"! The weather unit will last the duration of the school year.

Collins' Comments:

- Thank you ALL for attending Back to School Night! I know the beginning of the year can be hectic. Showing your commitment and support in your child's education is much appreciated!
- Please sign & return the **Parent Teacher Compact** that was included in the Back to School Night folder.
- Please send in \$5.00 for classroom parties. Thanks for your generosity!

First full week back, everyone!



Have a great weekend!

Miss Collins