

Miss Collins' 1st Grade Classroom News

Important Dates:

- Late Start Mondays: school begins at **9:05am**. Dismissal remains the same.
 - September 28
 - October 5, 12, 19, 26
- **9/30: Community Luncheon: *See back for details***. There will be over 100 community members at Mason to talk with our superintendent about our wonderful school district. If you and your child can walk or bike to school that day it will help our parking lot significantly. Thank you!
- **10/2: Volunteer Tea** (in library) @ 8:30am
- **10/7: Student Count Day**
- **10/16: Fun Run** (time TBD)
- **10/25: Haunted Garage** (10/30 rain date)
- **10/30: Halloween Parade/Party** (11:30 Dismissal)

Specials for the week:

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

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:

We have focused on some phonics and blends that students may see during reading. You may have heard students talk about **Spy Y**: Wanted for stealing the sounds of A, E and I (day, funny, fly), **The Rude Team** "TH": makes us stick out our tongue when we say it (think, not fink ☺), **Two Vowels Walking**: the first one does the talking (boat, team, rain) and the **KN Blend**: knee, know, knot. With the help of these reading tricks, students will have more useful strategies to solve unfamiliar words. We will be reviewing short and long vowel sounds as well.

Writing:

We continue to work on handwriting skills including finger spaces. We wrote a small moment about a special summer time. Students all shared such fun stories! We will begin the Small Moment writing unit this month and continue to develop skills as the year progresses.

Math:

Students have been working in math journals and becoming familiar with the Everyday Math units. They have enjoyed playing Bunny Hop, Rolling for 50 and the Penny Dice Game. We also worked on telling time to the hour by identifying the hands of the clock and where they are pointing.

Social Studies/Science:

We reviewed rules and why they are important this week. We also spent time understanding the difference between tattling and reporting. The state of Michigan has provided teachers with **Do Unto Otters**, a book about manners as a social studies lesson. Students enjoyed listening to the ways otters would like to be treated and learned the valuable lesson of treating others the way you would like to be treated.

Collins' Comments:

- Please send in \$5.00 for classroom parties. Thanks for your generosity!
- **Raz-Kids:** Students were introduced to logging on to Raz-Kids this week. Their log-in and passwords were sent home in the Back to School Night folder. If prompted, my information: **Teacher Username: acollins17**
- Don't forget to check out my website for any other information you may need: www.misscollinsroom206.weebly.com
- **Community Luncheon:** September 30th, Mason is honored to join Beaumont Community Health Coalition and Superintendent Dr. Gary Niehaus., in hosting The Fifth Annual Community Luncheon. Over 100 community leaders from the five Grosse Pointes have been invited to this luncheon. The location of the luncheon is rotated among all of our schools, and Mason is proud to chosen this year! The luncheon is set from 1-3 p.m. On Wednesday, our students will be eating in their classrooms. Sodexo will have a "grab and go bag lunch" and milk will also be available for purchase. Parking will be limited to our guests until 3 p.m. We appreciate your support in helping us shine a light on Mason.

Have a great weekend!
Miss Collins

Halloween AM Schedule:

8:45-9:15 School Parade
9:15-10:15 Classroom Party
10:15-11:00 Assembly
11:00-11:30 Classroom Movie
11:30 Dismissal

**Halloween Boos and Don'ts!**

- No weapons of any kind allowed at school.
- Please no scary masks. Your child needs to be able to see clearly through the eye holes to prevent accidents at school.