



First Grade Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Happy Spring! It's hard to believe we are beginning the fourth quarter of the school year! Wow, time flies when you are having fun. We have all be having lots of fun and learning so much together.



Reading and Writing

In quarter four we will demonstrate our comprehension of literary text by identifying sensory words and phrases, illustrations, and details to describe story elements. Students will learn to describe similarities and differences between literary and informational text. To further our vocabulary study we will be using context clues to help us determine the meanings of new words. In writing students are working on their power writing paragraphs in cooperative groups. This form of writing teaches students to use main ideas and supporting details. We will be using our state research packets to write an informational paragraph. Finally, we will be doing some creative writing focusing on poetry and the traits of voice and word choice.

Science and Social Studies

The students amazed us with their state research projects and brochures! They are absolutely fabulous, and the students greatly enjoyed sharing their travel brochures in class. Our upcoming Social Studies unit will focus on goods and services. In Science, we will continue to study the environment and the effects human actions have on our earth.

Math

In math, we will begin unit 5 and our study of money. Students will learn to name and determine the value of any set of coins with a value through \$1.00. They will also solve addition and subtraction problems through \$1.00. Please help your child practice money at home by counting change and playing store. Money can be a challenging concept so the additional reinforcement at home is beneficial.

Dates to Remember:

- 4/1/11 Picture Day
- 4/1/11 First Day of Quarter 4
- 4/1/11 Sock Hop
- 4/5/11 PTA Meeting 7pm
- 4/7/11 Report Cards Distributed
- 4/11/11 Green Lunch Week
- 4/18/11 No School Spring Break
- 4/26/11 Back to School
- 4/27/11 Principal Coffee
- 4/28/11 Take Your Child to Work
- 4/29/11 Kindergarten Orientation

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