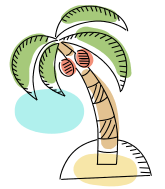


First Grade News



Ms. Emerson

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First Grade Camp

During the last two weeks of school our classroom will become “first grade camp”. We will begin Monday, June 6.

I’m asking students to bring in flashlights so we can practice reading under the “stars”. If you could start sending them in next week (with student’s name), I will keep them in a safe location and return them during the last week of school. If you don’t have one you want to send to school, I will have some extras.

Reading

I have been amazed at the reading progress this year. During our reader’s workshop time students can sit and engage with books close to a half an hour and then eagerly share with their reading partners. I have been discussing with student their progress as readers and had them think about where they were at the beginning of the year and what is “just right” for them now. This conversation comes around the time we are also working on final assessments and students can see their own growth. I have begun encouraging students to think about how they can continue growing as readers this summer and will encourage them to make a plan with parents to help that continued growth. This will be a continuing conversation as the year wraps up and hopefully something students can begin to plan with families at home.

Dates to know about:

Memorial Day (No School)- Monday, May 30

Library Day- Tuesday, May 31

Mr. Kaas Food Drive- May 31-June 10

Zoo Field Trip- Thursday, June 2

Early Dismissal- Friday, June 3

Final AR Points Due Date- Monday, June 6

First Grade Field Day (Pizza Lunch)-

Tuesday, June 14

Goal Binders

Today I sent home papers from students’ goal binders. Throughout the year student worked on setting goals for writing, reading and math as well as setting behavior focused personal goals. They also kept word wall word lists that they have practiced reading and spelling. Have students tell you about their goals and how they think they did working towards these goals.

Library books update

The last library check out will be next week, May 31st, and then all books must be returned on June 9th. If students return all their books by June 9th than they are entered for a chance to win a prize from Ms. Hall.

Homework and Math Information

This week we explored measurement using nonstandard units (in this case it was paper clips). Students practiced measuring the length of objects and determining the longest, or shortest. This is the final piece we are covering in Math and we are working on final assessments. To keep practicing these skills I will send homework next week, but that will be the last homework packet this year.