



First Grade News



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Eric Carle

This week we learned a little about the famous children's author Eric Carle. Students read Eric Carle books and we discussed how most of his work is inspired by things in nature. We looked closely at the type of art Eric Carle does. First he creates different types of patterns and textures on paper and then cuts the objects or animals he wants from the paper to create the images in his books. Students then were able to make their own paper with a variety of colors and patterns and create pictures from the paper. They made pictures to go with poems they had written about something in nature. Eric Carle has a website we explored a little with more information about his life and art. I put a link on the class webpage.



Class Behavior

The excitement of sunshine is starting to show. This week students were reminded of expected behaviors, keeping ourselves under control and continuing to do our best work. Please continue to check in with students about their day and encourage them to make good choices so we can make this last month go smoothly and have fun together!

Word Wall Words

turn, both, near, found

Phonics

This week we practiced reading and spelling words that have "oi" and "oy" spelling patterns. We looked at words such as: *soil, boil, coin, toy, loyal, royal*

Dates to know about:

Computer Lab- Monday, May 16

Library Day- Tuesday, May 17

Family Fun Night- Friday, May 20 (5:30)

Mr. Kaas Food Drive- May 31-June 10

Zoo Field Trip- Thursday, June 2

Final AR Points Due Date- Monday, June 6

1st Grade Field Day

1st grade is planning a field day and pizza lunch for Tuesday, June 14. More details will come home later, but we are looking for volunteers to help run stations and organize pizza. Please let me know if you'd like to help.

Zoo Field Trip

Please remember to return permission slips and money for our field trip to the Woodland Park Zoo on June 2 (if you have already done this- thank you!). If you need another permission form, please let me know. Also, a reminder that the bus is full for chaperones. If you are planning on meeting us inside the zoo, please let me know so I can let you know where we will be entering.

Math and Homework

As you probably saw in this week's math homework, students practiced telling time on analog clocks. The standard for first grade is that students are able to tell time only to the hour and half hour and then write it like a digital clock. Students had a fairly quick grasp of this, although half hour was a bit more challenging for some. We are only briefly working on this and laying a basic foundation knowledge of reading analog clocks. Keep encouraging students to practice reading analog clocks