

The First Grade Friday Flash!

Mrs. Barnes' Class News

Thursday October 12, 2006

Fall Conferences:

This week you are receiving a conference letter with some possible conference times and days. Please let me know by the end of next week what day of the week and time works best for your schedule. I will then schedule conferences and notify you. If you still need to reschedule, you can let me know. We will look at your child's progress in the different content areas and also talk about how things are going in the classroom. This conference should give you a clear picture of what to expect for fall progress reports. Please also fill out the conference survey and return it to me before your conference. I will try to address any concerns you list. I am looking forward to talking with you.

Walk-a-thon!

Our class and other students that joined us walked 154 laps for Ethan Zilz. I am grateful to have such hard working and empathetic students! I saw many children in our class walking a TON of laps... I am really proud of them. We also raised the most pledges this week which means we earned a popcorn party.

WOW! Please remember that pledge money is due next TUESDAY. Thanks for your help with walk-a-thon parents. It went wonderfully because we had so many of you there to help!

Math

We continued to work on story problems this week and learned two new games. One game, Dot Addition requires partners to come up with combinations of dot cards to equal a certain sum. Players record the equations they create on their board. The second game was Five in a Row. Students roll a pair of dice and add the two numbers together. They cover a box on their game board to show what the sum is. When five boxes in a

row are covered, the game is over. These two game boards will come home next week in your child's workbook for this math unit. They are both great games to play at home.

Literacy

Our focus this week in writing was revising. We learned how to add details, take out awkward words or sentences and change words or sentences. Students also focused on rereading their writing to see what else they need to do before editing. I have been really impressed with their work. We have also continued to work on word families and common spelling patterns. Our word families this week were AMP and ARK. We have lists of the words we know in each family posted in our classroom.

Science

We finished the air segment of our science unit this week and began looking at weather. We will be keeping a weather journal on a daily basis to chart the weather. Each student will have the chance to be class meteorologist and provide weather information to the class. During this part of the science unit, students will learn how to write factual information in complete and detailed sentences.

DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

**No School
October 13, 2006**

**Mrs. Barnes has a SUB!
October 16, 2006**

**Pledge sheet turn in dates:
October 17th**

**HOMEWORK begins
October 20, 2006**