

The First Grade Friday Flash!

Mrs. Barnes' Class News

Friday, October 20, 2006

Fall Conferences:

Thank you for your flexibility in conference scheduling. It is very helpful that so many people COULD make their scheduled date. This will help me in rescheduling any conference times that conflict with your life schedule! I will be looking forward to speaking with each of you.

Math

We finished our math unit this week. Your child's homework for this week includes some story problems similar in format to our unit. In addition, we have also worked on problems with missing addends. The class is developing great problem solving skills and much more independence when it comes to choosing a math strategy. I have examples of "how" to solve the different kinds of story problems uploaded to our webpage. You can use this to check your child's homework this week.

Literacy

Our class is quickly wrapping up our first narrative writing project. We are completing final copies and illustrations. The whole first grade has been working on the same project, so you will soon see a display in our hallway! We are also continuing to work on our phonemic awareness in reading, and we have done most of the short a word families. This week and the coming weeks we will focus on short i families.

Science

We began our weather study this week, focusing on descriptors for the daily weather. Our weather journals provide information about the temperature, what the air feels like, what the sky looks like and what the general weather is: sunny, partly cloudy, rainy, snowy or overcast. As you can imagine, the weather has

been fairly dismal and predictable thus far! If you have a thermometer at home, you can work with your child on the weekends to check the daily weather!

Homework:

The homework envelopes are going home today. Inside this envelope you will find a note to parents describing the homework components and expectations. Your child has the same homework program as the other two first grades, so you can have students work together to do homework if you'd like! Please help your child develop a plan for Wednesday night backpack packing to make sure homework makes it to school Thursday mornings. Let me know if you have any concerns or further questions.

Literacy Volunteering:

Literacy volunteering will start during the first full week of November. I will get the schedules out over email and hardcopy early next week. If you did not get to sign up for this and would like to, please email me your availability. We will do this from 10:25-11:00 most days.
Thanks for your support.

DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

HOMEWORK begins
October 20, 2006

Mrs. Barnes at training
October 24, 2006

First homework due
October 26, 2006