

First Grade News

Teacher News

Important Dates

Shoes:

There have been several children in first grade who have come in with the shoes with the LED lights in the soles. They have been a huge distraction and students have had trouble turning them off and keeping them off. If children must wear these shoes to school, we are asking that you please remove the batteries if possible to ensure that they remain in the off position during the school day. If batteries cannot be removed, please make sure that your child knows how to keep them in the off position if these are the only shoes they have available to wear to school.

Please make sure to let your child's teacher know if you intend to bring in a snack for the class for any reason, including birthday celebrations, so she can let you know the best time for this.

Please be sure that your child is reading each night. Be sure to ask a few questions about the book to your child. On Wednesdays, instead of writing 5 sentences for Letter Land, ask your child to respond in writing to one of the questions you ask about the book they read. Remind students to give a STAR answer:

S: Slowly read the question

T: Take words from the question and put them in your answer

A: Add details from the text to support your answer

R: Review your answer to check that it makes sense and answers the question

If you are coming to school to have lunch with your child, your child may pick no more than 2 friends to join. You must stay in the cafeteria or in the courtyard outside of the cafeteria.

Fri. Mar. 24: Field Trip payment due date

Mon. March 27: Cris-son, Lis, O'Sullivan field trip to Laurel Hills Park

Wed. March 29: Rosado/Hyde field trip to Laurel Hills Park

Fri. Mar 31: Snow Makeup Day

Wed. April 5: Spring Pictures, Class Picture

Fri. April 7: Report cards go home

April 10- 14: Spring Break

Fri. April 28: Spring Carnival

Fri. May 12: Teacher Work Day

What You Should Know

Payment for our final field trip is due **this Friday, March 24th** and the cost is \$8.00. You may use the online payment system (link below) or you can send in cash only to your child's teacher.

Online field trip payments:

<http://osp.osmsinc.com/WakeNC/Default.aspx>

This website can also be found via the Reedy Creek Website:

<http://www.wcpss.net/reedycreekes>

Click on Parents, then choose

Single Subject Acceleration (SSA), the process of skipping a grade in either ELA or Math, are encouraged to attend one of the regional parent sessions for more information:

2/13—Durant Middle School Auditorium, 6:00-7:00 pm

2/15—Middle Creek High School Auditorium, 6:00-7:00 pm

3/2—Crossroads II Room 1400, 6:30-7:30 pm

3/6—Wendell Middle School Auditorium, 6:00-7:00 pm

3/9—Crossroads II Room 1400, 6:00-7:00 pm

3/13—Crossroads II Room 1400, 6:30-7:30 pm

Nominations for SSA testing at Reedy Creek Elementary will be accepted from April 4-26, 2017. Testing will be May 4-10, 2017. More information can be found at <http://wakeacceleration.weebly.com>, or you may contact Reedy Creek's SSA contact, Mrs. Cecconi-Roberts at icecconi-roberts@wcpss.net. Applications will be available on-line beginning March 28, 2017.



Homework:

Monday: Student reads words from List A, Tricky Words, and Sentences 2x. Adult should sign paper. Read take home book & answer questions orally.

Tuesday: Look, Say, Cover, Write (List A words). Read take home book & answer questions orally.

Wednesday: Read take home book & answer questions orally. Choose 5 words from List A Write a sentence using each word OR answer one of the questions about your take home book in written form in journal.

Thursday: Practice Test. Adult reads the words from List A, Tricky words, and sentences student. He/she should write them in the homework journal without looking. Read take home book & answer questions orally.

Tuesday: B1, Thursday: B2

First Grade	Day B1 11:50-12:35	Day B1 12:35-1:20	Day B2 11:50-12:35	Day B2 12:35-1:20	Day C 12:35 -1:20
Crisson	Art	Music	P.E.	Media	Tech
Hyde	P.E.	Media	Tech	Art	Music
O'Sullivan	Music	P.E.	Media	Tech	Art
Rosado	Media	Tech	Art	Music	P.E.
Lis	Tech	Art	Music	P.E.	Media

What We Are Working On...

Reading:

This week in reading, we will begin a unit on reading and understanding poetry, with a focus on the differences between poetry and prose, and paying attention to the feeling and sensory words the author uses.

In Letter Land, we are reviewing units 19-21, which focused on vowel digraphs such as ee, ea, and ai.

Writing: In writing, we will continue our author's study unit. We will be looking at the work of Ezra Jack Keats and using it as a model for our own realistic fiction writing. The students will study what makes Keats' writing interesting and try to put some of those elements in their own stories.

Math: This week in math, we will be working on adding and subtracting decade numbers. We will be using our knowledge of place value to help us with this skill. Go to the parent video at the following link to see a few examples of how we'll work on this skill and an upcoming skill!

<http://www.showme.com/sh/?h=bLI5XvM>

Keep working on basic addition and subtraction facts!

Science: This week we will begin a new science unit called Pebbles, Sand, and Silt. This week we will be looking at different rocks, or pebbles, and describing and noticing their properties.