

First Grade News

Mrs. Neilander

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Halloween Party News

We will be having a Halloween party on Halloween Day (Oct. 31st) from 2:00-3:00. We will be partying with the other two first grade classes at this time. Since we will have three holiday parties this year, I will divide the class into thirds in requesting food items for the party. Notes will go home with a third of you next week requesting food items. If you do not get one, I will ask you for another party later in the year. If you do get one, please return the bottom portion of the note as soon as possible. Children can bring their costume in a bag to change into just before the party. If you would like to help at our party, please let me know ahead of time. (Unfortunately, we are only allowed to let volunteers that have done the security clearance help with parties.) Thank you!



Author of the Week

Tedd Arnold

The Big Cheese

Jacob was our Big Cheese this week. Jacob has one older brother and loves reading, math, and art. His favorite sport is soccer, and he is really good at building with Legos. When he grows up, Jacob wants to be a racecar driver. Like most of us, he is already looking forward to spending time on the beach next summer. We feel lucky to have him be a part of our class!

Questions to ask your child:

- *How many laps did you complete for the Walk-A-Thon today?
- *How do you know when to use a c or a k? (If the vowel following the "k" sound is an a, o, or u, we usually use a c. If the vowel following the "k" sound is an e or an i, we usually use a k.)

mark your calendar

- *Our Fall break is from October 21st to October 25th.
- *Our next Parent Teacher Conference Day is Monday, November 18th.

Thank you to all who participated in our Walk-A-Thon fundraiser! I will let you know a total when I receive one.



we are learning

Reading

One of the things we have been practicing is making predictions before and during the reading of a book. A common prediction is whether or not the book will be a fiction story or a non-fiction, informative book. They are also asked to tell why they made their prediction. For example, was it based on a picture or words in the title or on a page?

Writing

This week we learned all about deciduous trees and their leaves. Our informative writing pieces were about deciduous trees and we learned how they use the air and soil to make food for their leaves. We learned a basic understanding of photosynthesis and why they change colors in the Fall. Be sure to have your child tell you the story using the green overlay.

Math $+ \frac{2}{4}$

In Math we have been extending our work with number bonds and solving word problems to include subtraction. We've practiced counting on and counting backwards to solve subtraction problems.

Math Questions to ask your child:

- *Can you count backwards from 20 to 0? From 18 to 8? From 25 to 6?
- *We've been in school for 43 days. What are some different ways to make 43?