

# Newsletter



**Mrs. Everett's First Grade  
2017-18**



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# First Grade News

## Writer's Workshop

In writer's workshop, we have changed things up a bit and found our own "special" writing spot around the classroom. This spot is bringing a lot more focus to their writing and helping them feel more comfortable as a writer. Everyone just completed an informational piece

on a topic of their choice, using all the steps of the writing process. I am super proud of each and every one of them.

We are currently working on our very own Autobiographies. Each student is finishing up their draft and will begin editing and revising before con-

ferencing with me so they can publish their work in an actual soft cover book. They are working incredibly hard and are excited to share these with you at Author's Night in April.

## Reader's Workshop

I am so proud to share how awesome each and everyone of the students is doing in reading!! The use of a variety of reading strategies, fluency, and expression have really blossomed! We recently

cleaned out book boxes and I LOVE how they don't want to give up some of their favorite books!! Puts a big smile on my face to see them excited about reading!! We are about to embark on another fun

reading project!! We are going to begin rehearsing for a "Reader's Theatre." This really helps with reading comprehension, fluency and reading with expression.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar.9: Spring Pictures
- Mar. 11: Daylights Savings
- Mar. 15: Parent Conferences/Early Release
- Mar. 16: NO SCHOOL
- Mar. 29: Kaleidoscope
- Mar. 30: NO School
- April 3, 4, 13: SCHOOL IN SESSION/Make Up Days
- April 19: Author Night



## Math

In math, we will continue to practice and review all we have learned up to this point during morning work and calendar time. During the math lessons, our focus has been counting and number patterns to 120. This includes skip counting by 5's, 10's and ordering numbers no mat-

ter where the starting digit is.

We are currently learning about "Tens and Ones." We are pretty good at counting and creating tens and ones but now we will be using tens and ones to add/subtract and find all the ways to use tens and ones to make a

number. We will also continue to work on subtraction facts to 20. This is a tough skill and should be practiced at home.

## Content

We have covered many things recently during content. From learning about Martin Luther King, Jr., Ground Hog Day, to Presidents. Our new focus is on the symbols of Ameri-

ca. We will be gathering information on the American Flag, Statue of Liberty, Liberty Bell, Washing Monument, and the Bald Eagle. Then students will choose one of those to do

a poster on to share what they learned with others. They are very excited about poster making!!

Have you asked your child what they learned at school today?

## Spring Conferences

Spring conferences are meant for teachers to meet with parents of students who are working below the grade level expectations in reading, writing, or math. I have

already contacted those parents I would like to meet with. If your child is currently proficient/



advanced in all areas you do not need to schedule a conference. However, if you would like to meet with me anyway, please feel free to contact me to set up a time.

## Kaleidoscope Field Trip

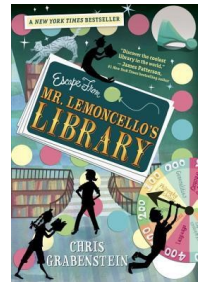
We are headed to Crown Center to visit Kaleidoscope!!! Kaleidoscope offers students the opportunity to experiment with art supplies to make incredible creations using their imagination and self expression!! This is a great opportunity to practice some of those skills they have been learning in art class!!

Each child will need to bring a sack lunch that day. All items must be disposable and no glass is allowed. Caitlin Rucker has offered to bring snacks to help keep tummies full until lunch. Weather permitting; we will be eating our sack lunches outside Crown Center. More information will be coming home next week!

ALL PERMISSION SLIPS DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 9TH!!!!!!!

## Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library

I hope you are enjoying McQuerrys' special project, One Book, One School by reading the book "Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library" together as a family. Strange and daring as it may seem, it actually makes sound educational sense to have your child listen to you read aloud a book beyond their own reading level. We are enjoying the book in class, as well. I know three chapters in a night can be overwhelming based on your families schedule so please use the weekends to help you catch up when necessary. Thank you for supporting your child's success by participating!!



## Donations/Snacks



We will be doing a fun graphing activity for St. Patrick's Day and are needing Lucky Charms.

Thank you for all the snack donations. You all

have been amazing at making sure the snack basket stays full. I love that you have been ordering and sending them from Amazon! So resourceful!!