

Greetings, Room 13 Families!

I hope you had a fantastic weekend! After a very busy weekend celebrating Owen's birthday and Easter, I am finally finding a moment to update you for the week of 4/14-4/18.

First Grade Spring Concert: We would love to perform all of the songs we have been practicing this year. Come and watch us on Friday, April 25 from 10:00-10:30 in the MPR. Please arrange for your student to wear a white top and dark pants/skirt that day. Shortly afterwards, Lunch on the Lawn will be from 11:30-12:15.

Spirit Rally: Congratulations to Benny, Eli, and Mia S for being terrific examples of courteous students. They remember the ever-important words "please," "thanks," and "excuse me." They greet others with a friendly smile. These fabulous students were honored at the Spirit Rally on Friday.

Field Trip: We enjoyed our field trip to Caltech to see Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. The students were very impressed with Beckman Auditorium...especially the fountains and the sparkly gold ceilings. They laughed a lot during the play. They even enjoyed the simple pleasure of riding the school bus with their friends. Thanks for your support!

Collaboration Day: At Friday's Collaboration Meeting, the First Grade teachers district-wide met to discuss a new report card format for next year. I am looking forward to hearing about the options on Monday.

Monthly Oral Presentations: This past week, Eli, Danica, Haven, Isaac, Isabel, and Jack taught us about a wide range of topics. Fantastic job!

The remaining April presentation schedule is as follows:

4/21 Katherine, Kelsey, Maeve

4/23 Marcelo, Max, Mia B, Mia S

4/25 Nathan, Sophia B, Sophia S,

4/28 Tait

See <http://firstgradewithmrsbeyer.weebly.com/> for additional information.

Volunteer Opportunities: Check out the volunteer sign-ups at <https://mrsbeyersfirstgrade201314.shutterfly.com/>.

Language arts: We practiced the /r/ sound spelled with wr (as in **w**rite and **w**ren) and the oi sound (as in **bo**y and **co**il). We also practiced making inferences, constructing a paragraph with related sentences, capitalizing cities and states, and using commas in a list. For National Poetry Month, students are constructing Haiku poems about themselves with a 5-7-5 syllable pattern.

Math: We identified, read, extended, and created color patterns, shape patterns, and rhythmic patterns. Students can identify the pattern unit, which is the first group of items before you repeat (examples: AB, AAB, ABB, AABB, ABC, etc).

Science/Social Studies: We wrote about a place we'd like to visit on the map. We also discussed endangered animals and habitats.

Specials: Mrs. Pahk read us a story and helped us check out a new book. Mrs. Choi helped us use symmetry to create a butterfly. Mr. Wulff helped us practice songs for the upcoming Spring Concert. Because of the upper graders' testing schedules, we are on a 3-week hiatus from the computer lab.

Important dates:

-Friday, Apr. 25: Lunch on the Lawn, Spring Concert (10:00-10:30, MPR)

-Saturday, Apr. 26: Springamajig (11am-4pm,

<https://pcr.ourschoolpages.com/Packet/Springamajig/SignInPacketPage/0>)

As always, contact me with any questions.

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