

Greetings, Room 13 Families!

Five days to go! Here is a quick update for the week of 5/27-5/30.

Collaboration Day/Spirit Rally: Don't forget that tomorrow is a Collaboration Day (8:10-12:45). Mia B and Sophia B will be honored for their compassionate spirit. They show consideration and a genuine concern for the welfare of others. They are able to "put themselves in someone else's shoes." By doing so, they make the classroom and school a better place.

School Wind Down: As we are taking student work off of the walls and the room is looking emptier, I think the realization that 1st grade is so close to finished is really sinking in with the kids. Several have expressed mixed emotions...excited about vacation and second grade, but sad that their time in Room 13 is almost up. Please talk with your child to check out how they are feeling and offer your support as needed.

Monthly Oral Presentations: If you would like a copy of your child's presentation videos filmed throughout this year, send in a flash drive/thumb drive/usb drive. I plan to transfer files and return them to you early next week.

Homework: During this last week of school, and into the summer, I suggest that you help your student pace themselves through the rest of the Problem Solving math book. I will also be sending home various practice books that aren't quite finished that will provide good practice opportunities. Have them read 15-20 minutes each night. Encourage them to write often...lists, letters, journal entries, songs, poems, stories, etc. Also, look to Raz Kids, Starfall, MobyMax, and IXL for reading and math activities. These websites should be available over the summer break, too, so encourage your child to keep practicing! Log in information is available at the class website.

New Pictures/Videos: I hope to add field trip and habitat pictures soon. Visit <https://mrsbeyersfirstgradeclasse201314.shutterfly.com/> to see the latest round of pictures and videos.

Language arts: We read more "Keep Trying" stories, including Aesop's fables The Fox and the Grapes and The Tortoise and the Hare. We learned about quotations, and we reviewed pronouns, possessive pronouns, and punctuation. For phonics, we reviewed hard and soft g sounds (goat, giraffe). We used the Haiku poetry format to write about oceans, and we wrapped up several assessments.

Math: We used double digit addition to solve story problems. We also used hundreds charts and place value manipulatives to model double digit subtraction. Tomorrow we will practice estimating differences.

Science/Social Studies: Our habitat of the week this week was the ocean. Students read about plants and animals at each layer...the sunlit, twilight, and midnight zones. We also read interesting flag facts in honor of Memorial Day and Flag Day.

Specials: Mrs. Choi wrapped up the year by leading us through abstract art that included organic forms, undulating lines, and shading. She will be sending home portfolios full of outstanding art pieces soon.

Important dates:

-Friday, May 30: Collaboration Day (8:10am-12:45pm), Spirit Rally (9:35am, Lower Playground)

-Thursday, June 5: Last Day of School!!! (11:35am dismissal)

-Monday, June 9: Report Cards mailed home

As always, contact me with any questions.

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