

Greetings, Room 13 Families!

A lovely afternoon to you all! Only 19 days left in first grade! Here is a quick update for the week of 5/5-5/9.

Thank you! What a nice couple of weeks this has been! I felt so spoiled last week for my birthday, and this week the PCR families went above and beyond to make the teachers feel appreciated. I have very much enjoyed the beautiful flowers, chocolates, and sweet notes all week long. Thank you so much for your kindness! I really love spending my day with such wonderful kiddos!

Animal/Habitat Report and Project: I am reattaching the habitat project just in case you need it again. Remember that it is due on Tuesday, May 20th.

Homework: Attached is the ***LAST*** homework assignment for the year. Don't be sad! We will fill the remaining weeks of school with reading activities.

Zoo Field Trip: The field trip is coming up on Wednesday, May 21st. Permission slips went home in golden folders today. Please sign and return them as soon as you can! If you signed up to be a chaperone and have not yet turned in your TB test paperwork to the health office, please do so very soon! We have less than two weeks!

Monthly Oral Presentations: This past week, Amanda, Danica, Eli, and Haven taught us about dolphins, pianos, baseball, and farmers' markets. Students may choose to present on their selected habitat, if they wish. They are welcome, as always, to select any topic that is meaningful to them.

Here is the schedule for May's presentations:

5/9: Isaac, Isabel, Jack

5/13: Katherine, Kelsey, Maeve

5/14: Marcelo, Max, Mia B, Mia S

5/16: Nathan, Sophia B, Sophia S, Tait

5/20: Ainsley, Benny

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

Language arts: We continued with the theme "Keep Trying." Comprehension skills focused on drawing conclusions and main idea/details. We also reviewed pronouns, possessive pronouns, naming/action words, and alternate sounds for the vowel o.

Math: We used non-standard rulers to measure objects around the room, and even ourselves. We made reasonable estimates about the length of objects. We also used a balance to compare and measure the weight of objects.

Science/Social Studies: We read about the history of Cinco de Mayo and the Battle of Puebla in 1862. We also started our habitats unit in the desert.

Specials: Mrs. Pahk read Moon Ball by Jane Yolen. Mrs. Bentz helped us find animals and habitats on the National Geographic Kids website. Mr. Wulff led us through several fun songs, and he started preparing us for 2nd grade music room routines.

Important dates:

-Tuesday, May 20: Habitat Project/Animal Reports due

-Wednesday, May 21: Zoo Field Trip

-Monday, May 26: No School—Memorial Day

-Tuesday, May 27: Site Council Meeting (3:15pm, Library)

-Wednesday, May 28: PTA Meeting (9:15am, MPR)

-Thursday, May 29: Volunteer Luncheon (11:30am, MPR), Dad's Committee Meeting (7:00pm, MPR)

-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)

As always, contact me with any questions.

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