

Mrs. Hardcastle's First Grade Newsletter

May 3, 2024

This week in ELA, we worked on words with endings –ed, and -ing. We learned all about base words and how to use the base word to figure out endings –ed, -ing. We learned that if a base word ends with a consonant then we double to consonant and add our ending. If a base word ends in a silent e, we drop the e and add our ending. This took some time and focus to follow these patterns and look for correct spelling of a word. We will continue to work with endings next week. We also worked on exclamation sentences and learned how they show strong feeling and end with an exclamation mark. Our story this week was “The Dot”. In math, we are working on addition facts. We also worked on comparison symbols (>, <, =), dividing a number equally, counting nickels and pennies, place value for hundreds, tens and ones, 3-D shapes, and adding ten to a number. This week in bible, we learned about The Rich Young Ruler, The Rich Fool, and The Lost Sheep. We learned all about earthly riches and heavenly riches. We talked about how we are the lost sheep and Jesus is our Shepard or our guide to do the right thing. In science, we started our unit 5: Weather. In social studies, we learned about our oceans, where we live: our country and state. We started working on our Mother's Day Project and the children are super excited to share them with you!

SAT10 Testing: We have state testing coming up soon. Our testing will be Monday, May 13th-17th. This is our yearly test that will be based on everything we have learned this year. We will have no homework this week. I want all children to focus on getting a good nights sleep so that they can do their best during testing. Please make sure to pack a lot of healthy snacks and lunches this week to help your children do their best during testing. Please make sure that your child is at school on time during this week. **There will be no make-up testing.**

Field Day: I can't believe how close we are to the end of the year. Each year we have field day which is a lot of fun. We will have a BBQ and Kona Ice will be here that day for those who would like to purchase it. Field day is on May 31st. More information to come as we get closer.

Tie Dye Shirts: My class will be making tie dye shirts to wear for field day. Each child will need to bring in a **WASHED, white shirt** by Friday, May 26th. Please make sure it is washed as this will allow the color to adhere to the shirt better. We will be doing tie dye on Tuesday, May 28th.

I will need a couple parent volunteers to come in and run the tie dye station from 8:00am until about 10 or 10:30 AM. This is a great way to earn partnership hours as we are getting close to the end of the year. Please let me know if you would like to come in and volunteer for this.

Parent Help:

Kelly Mahaney

Whitney Giusti

Field Trip/End of the year event: My class will be going on a field trip on Monday, June 3rd to the Winter's fire department, police station, and Winter's park for lunch. This will be our last

field trip for the year. We are lucky to have Lilly's dad, Mr. Baumgart, as one of the firefighters. He will be there to give us a wonderful, education experience of the fire station. We will also get to visit the police department which is located right next door to the fire department. We will end our day at the Winter's park for lunch and recess! This is a great opportunity for our class!

Partnership Hours: If you have purchased anything from our class amazon wish list and HAVE NOT sent me an invoice, please do that as soon as possible so that I can get it to the office for partnership hours. If you have sent me your invoice, then I have already turned it into the office. We do still have opportunities for partnership hours with our Tie Dye Party, Field Trip, and Field Day so let me know if you'd like to help with any of these things.

Blessings,

Mrs. Hardcastle

Important Dates to Remember:

5/3: Bethany Fiesta Fundraiser @ 5:30 PM

5/13-17: SAT10 Testing

5/24: Minimum Day- Dismissal at Noon

5/27: No School- Memorial Day

5/31: Field Day

6/3: Field Trip to Winter's Fire Department, Police Station and Park

Next Week: May 6th – 10th

Spelling Words (Base Words with endings –er, -est):

1. hard
2. harder
3. hardest
4. fast
5. faster
6. fastest
7. slow
8. slower
9. slowest
10. sooner

Challenge Word (Extra credit):

1. shorter
2. shortest

Bible Verse:

“This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24

Upcoming Tests:

Wednesday 5/8: Math Test #21

Thursday 5/9: Social Studies Unit 5 Test

Friday 5/10: Spelling and ELA Test