

First Grade News - March



Field Trips

The 1st graders will be going to the National Zoo in Washington on April 29th. Permission slips were sent home in February. The cost is \$23 for each student and each chaperone. Permission slip is due Friday, March 19th. Money is due April 9. Chaperones have already been selected. However, each teacher is keeping a waiting list in case seats become available.



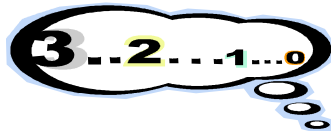
Fun Fair

Emerald Hill's Fun Fair will be held on Friday, March 19 from 6:00-8:30. For the auction baskets, Breeden, Callahan, and Freitag classes should bring in items relating to "Pamper Yourself". Irvin, Sharick, and Tremmel classes should bring in "Crafty Kids" items. Many of the first grade teachers will be working the games so please come out and see us.



Reading

Soon we will start Unit 5 "Take Me There." The reading selections help the children learn about their own and other cultures. The students also explore things they will do when they get older. Comprehension skills emphasized in this unit will be predicting, sequencing, comparing and contrasting, and locating main idea. The students will also be tested on compound words, contractions, inflected endings (ed, ing, es) and long vowels. The students are beginning to write paragraphs with a beginning, middle, and an end.



Math

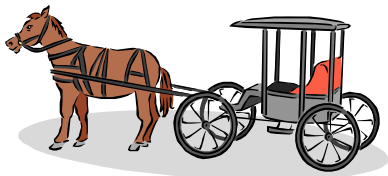
The students are continuing to practice counting by ones, fives, and tens to 100. They are also using a hundreds chart to skip count by other numbers. They are counting backwards from 30. Students are writing numbers that come just before, after, or between two numbers. They are distinguishing between odd and

even numbers and using ordinal numbers through twentieth place. The students are working on grouping a collection of 100 objects into tens and ones and writing the corresponding numeral to develop an understanding of place value.



Science

Students will begin studying matter and the properties of solids, liquids, and gases. The students will investigate how different common materials interact with water. The students will be mixing liquids (oil and vinegar) and solids (sugar, salt, sand, and soil) to see which materials dissolve in water and which materials won't.



Social Studies

First graders will soon be comparing and contrasting children of today with children from long ago. They are also beginning to explore basic concepts of economics. The students need to

explain the difference between goods and services and describe how people are both buyers and sellers of goods and services.



Egg Extravaganza

First graders will be participating in activities related to "eggs" on Wednesday, March 31. The students will be switching classes and doing activities related to Math, Language Arts, and Science SOLs. The day will conclude with a first grade egg hunt and a small reception. Teachers will be sending home a letter soon requesting donations. If any parent has a "bunny" costume and would like to dress up for the Egg hunt, please contact one of the first grade teachers.



Update Information

If you have a change of address or phone number, please update your information in the office and with your student's teacher. It is very important in the event that we need to contact you. Thank you. We appreciate your help.