

October 21, 2019

Mrs. Dafoe's

# Fantastic First Graders



**Substitute** Monday afternoon I have a district training. Mrs. Hegebush, a former second grade teacher at Riggs, will be teaching our class. She is amazing. If you need to get a message to your child, please contact the front office.

**Field trip THIS Thursday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>**

Make sure your child wears their new black 1<sup>st</sup> grade t-shirt, wears tennis shoes, and brings a lunch in a throw away bag (unless you ordered a school lunch).

\*Chaperones will meet us at the farm. You can follow the busses or meet us there. Busses will leave around 9:15.

**Reading** This week our focus stories are Dr. Seuss & Two Poems from Dr. Seuss.

**Genre** Biography and Poetry

**Target skill** Text and graphic features

**Grammar** Singular and plural nouns

**Vocabulary Strategies** Antonyms

**Spelling** This week we will review the short vowel, e. (short e sound) and work with words that have blends with s. We are tapping out words, building words, doing word sorts, unscrambling sentences and finding words that include short e and blends in our daily readings. We also play spelling sparkle & spelling battleship!

**Spelling words this week:** yes, let, red, ten, bed, get, step, sled

**Our challenge words are:** checked, pigpen, present

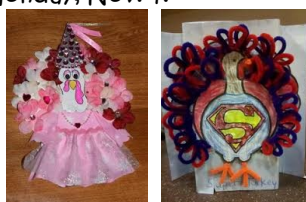
**High Frequency Words (sight/trick words):** after, draw, pictures, read, was, write

**Math** This week we continue working on adding and subtraction to 20 including adding 3 digits. We will be using manipulatives, ten frames, number lines, and strategies such as doubles +1, counting on, etc.

## Family Turkey Projects

Before break, students brought home a fun art/writing project. Their mission? To disguise turkeys! They can disguise their turkey in any creative way they want! Examples: Minions, ninjas, football players, ballerinas, etc.! They will also write a short story about their disguised turkey. Projects are due Monday, Nov. 4.

\*Here are some ideas from last year.



**Reading Groups** We will start switching for reading groups on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays most weeks for the remainder of the year. This will be for 1 hour of intense reading instruction, and your child may or may not be with a different first grade teacher. We have done this for years with GREAT success. The kids love it and look forward to it weekly!

## Science

Nocturnal animals: Bats and Owls! We will be discussing facts about each animal and make comparisons for the next two weeks. We will, also, be continuing to focus on life cycles and we will be discussing the life cycle of a pumpkin.

## Parent Volunteer

Don't forget to check our website for volunteer times. ~Thank you for coming and helping every week. ~ We appreciate your commitment and time spent with us.

**Fall Party Info:** Our fall party will be Thursday, October 31st after lunch. 11:35 – 12:40. Room parents will be contacting you soon for donations and volunteering. ☺

## Upcoming Experts

- Oct. 21 – Bats – Mila
- Oct. 28 – Pumpkins – Liliana
- Nov. 12 – Native Americans – Adam
- Nov. 18 – Seasons – Jacob
- Nov. 25 – Pilgrims – Tesla



<i>November Birthdays</i>
Jynesis - 4 <sup>th</sup>
Derek - 12 <sup>th</sup>
Rylee - 13 <sup>th</sup>

## Important Dates to Remember

- Week of 21<sup>st</sup> – Book Fair
- Mon., Oct. 21 – Art Masterpiece, Butter Braid Fundraiser starts through Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>
- Wed., Oct. 23 – late night at book fair 6pm close
- Thurs., Oct. 24 – Field Trip to Schnepf Farms
- Fri., Oct. 25 – JA, Jump Rope for Heart Assembly
- Thurs., Oct. 31 – Fall Party – 1<sup>st</sup> grade classrooms 11:35-12:40
- Fri., Nov. 1 – JA
- Mon., Nov. 4 – Family Turkey Project Due
- Wed., Nov. 6 – Picture Re-take Day
- Fri., Nov. 9 – Veterans Breakfast
- Mon., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day, No School
- Thurs., Nov. 21 – Butter Braid delivery
- Tues., Nov. 26 – First Grade Thankful Feast
- Nov. 27-Nov. 29 – No School

**Have a great week!**

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