



Newsletter for Mrs. McMath-1st Grade

Week of October 24, 2016

I am looking forward to a wonderful week! We have a lot going on this week. We are starting our Ford Foundation "Big Heads" Fundraiser. The kids had a pep rally to kick this off on Friday. This will be going on all week. This information was passed out at your child's conference. I will tell the kids about our classroom incentives for donations on Monday. This Wednesday, we will have an Earth Lesson outdoors on the Nature Trail. Make sure your child has a lightweight jacket or sweater and tennis shoes on. It can be chilly in the morning on the trail and it is very shady too. On Thursday of this week, the kids will get to see the 5th Graders perform their 5th Grade Play. This is a big deal for our 5th graders. On Friday, we will have a visiting children's author speak to the children. The kids like getting to meet authors. As you can tell, we have lots of fun things going on! It's going to be a super, busy, but as always FUN week!

We will be busy this week with some fun, seasonal activities for language arts and incorporating a mini study/informational writing on "Bats". A new language arts skill that we will introduce will be ABC order. In math, we will continue to review missing addends and subtrahends while introducing two new addition strategies-doubles to add and identifying near doubles to add.

Our first Mad Minute Math timed fluency math quiz will be this Thursday, October 27th. Make sure to study just a little every night. Check out: "Math Magician" on the blog. It's a great, study tool in addition to the written practice sheet that will go home each Monday.

I loved the Character Pumpkins! The kids loved hearing about each other's pumpkins and they were sooooo proud of their own. They were very complimentary of each other and that was very sweet! Job Well Done!

On Monday, I will be sending home First Grade T-shirt Information. Please send this form and money in as soon as you can. The cost is \$6.05. We will wear these

shirts on special days and field trips. Make sure to check your child's size as well. They should be pretty cute!

Here's a look at what we will be doing and what's coming up:

Curriculum this week:

- **Math:** Chapter 3: "Addition Strategies" adding with doubles and adding near doubles
- **Phonics:** long e spelled ee and ea, /kw/ sound spelled qu, and vowel controlled r words
- **Reading:** Seasonal Books: Haunted House, Haunted Mouse, Hallowiener, Where's My Mummy?, There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat, and Click, Clack, Boo!
- **Language Arts:** Story Mapping, ABC order, and Nouns
- **Writing:** seasonal, journal, and Informational Writing (using a Four Square Graphic Organizer to pre-write and final draft)
- **STEM Journal:** Magnets

Dates to Remember:

- **October 24-28th** Ford Elementary School Foundation "Big Head Start" Annual Campaign
- **Thursday, October 27th:** 5th Grade Play "Journey of the Noble Gnarble" at 8:15am
- **Thursday, October 27th:** 1st Mad Minute Math Quiz
- **Friday, October 28th:** author visit
- **Monday, October 31st:** Dress up in your Halloween Costume and donate \$2 to the Ford Foundation and Harvest Centers
- **Week of November 7th:** Spelling begins and 1st & Spelling test is that Friday.

Thanks for all you do!

Fran McMath ☺

