



First Grade Newsletter

Miss Earle's Class



Note From Miss Earle

I hope you all had a fabulous **Mother's Day!** You deserve it! I don't know if your child gave you his/her present on Sunday or beforehand, but I hope you enjoyed it. They worked really hard on them.

We had a wonderful field trip last Tuesday. Thank you for having your student prepared with lunches and expectations. It really helped everything run very smoothly. Thanks to those parents that went with us to chaperone groups of children. I really couldn't have done it without their help. Thanks a million!

Our school is getting prepared for **Field Day on May 21st**. It's always a fun day, but it requires a lot of volunteers. The PTA will need help filling all the station positions. 1-3 Grades will be participating in the first shift from 8:45-11am. If you're able to help at a station, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E45A8A82EA02-field#/> Thanks!

Please plan to have your student attend ALL of these last days of school. I know the year is wrapping up, but we are still accomplishing many academic tasks. I'd hate for your child to miss out on anything. Plus, many items from our classroom won't be sent home until the last days of school. I don't want anyone to miss out!

If you haven't already, please return your child's Take Home Reading Books! If books are lost, please pay the replacement cost (\$5 per book or \$25 per bag).

I can't believe how quickly the year has passed us by. We've covered a lot of different items and grown a lot as a class. Just thinking about the difference between from beginning of the year to the end is amazing. They've really accomplished a lot. It's been a joy to have your children in first grade. I'm sure they'll continue to improve as they move into second grade.

School Spirit Days are on Friday! Wear school colors or school shirts.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, let me know.

Dates to Remember

5/21	Field Day
5/24	PTA Spirit Night at Swig in Saratoga Springs
	Last Day of School

Don't forget May Days!!

13 - Light & Sound Day	14 - Insect Day Dress like an insect. Wear antennas and wings.	15 - Pirate Day Wear pirate clothes.	16 - Pajama Read-A-Thon Day Wear pajamas and bring a small pillow.	17 - Game Day Bring games from home to share and play. No video games.
20 - Silent Day	21 - Field Day	22 - Western Day Wear cowboy hats, boots, and/or bandanas. Bring stick horses.	23 - Clean Up Day	24 - Last Day of School

Reading

Our reading groups will be coming to a close this week. There may be some intermittent review of phonics concepts. However, we'll shift our focus to finishing final assessments and end-of-year projects. We really want to have our reading skills cemented before summer break. Make sure you read consistently with your student over the summer so they don't lose progress over the break.

We have finished practicing each of our heart words for this year. We won't introduce any more, but we'll take some time here and there to practice any and all of those words. You can review them with your child at home. They are in his/her homework folder.

Your students have come a long way this year. Be sure to keep reading over the summer to maintain those skills. Lexia is available to use all summer!

Word Work/Phonics

We have finished our Phonics Units for this year. We will spend time reviewing concepts that we have covered. Then, we'll practice manipulating sounds in words. For example, we can change the first sound of "bat" to make the word "cat." Then, we can change the last sound to make the word "can."

Writing

We have covered all of our writing units this year with time to spare! We'll continue writing daily with plenty of reminders about basic conventions and revising. We want to be sure that our understanding of capitals, periods, spaces, etc., is very solid before the year is over.

Your students have been exploring lots of different ways to write this year. I would encourage you to keep practicing those over the summer. A simple writing idea for summer would be to keep a journal of fun activities and trips. Be sure that they practice basic conventions (ie: spaces, capitals, and punctuation).

Math

We'll be wrapping up our measurement unit this week. We need to be careful to line up our measuring tools with no gaps or overlapping so that we can get an accurate measurement.

Otherwise, we've covered a lot of different math skills this year. Some students would still benefit from some more practice with addition/subtraction story problems and math facts. Others still need help telling time (to the hour and half-hour) and working with fractions. Practice makes perfect!