

Friday, May 20, 2011

Greetings!

I had a substitute teacher on Friday, so my newsletter never made it into the kids' mailboxes. After discovering it too late, I just decided to scrap it and update you on the last two weeks. Last week we celebrated **summer birthdays**, and we were spoiled with lots of delicious treats all week! Happy summer birthdays to Logan, Brock, Gracie, Maiah and Danielle. We also had lots of birthday books to read, and some of us even wrote birthday poems. The other big event from last week was our Pillow Project. The kids did a FANTASTIC job on them, thanks to Mr. Menefee, Mrs. Halfman, and Grandma Thompson! I hope your child enjoys their pillow...I've been told by past parents that even those "cool" middle school kids still have their 1st grade pillow. ☺

This week we focused on **animals**. We enjoyed all of the new non-fiction books during free choice reading. Our favorite was the book that talked about the record-holders of the animal world. Can you guess which animal lives the longest? We read our All About books to Mrs. Schwager/Mrs. Ambrosius' kindergarten class before taking them home (finally!) on Thursday. We will continue our animal unit next week after returning from the zoo today.

Last week our Author was **Bri!** She brought in an awesome poster featuring beautiful photos of herself growing up. My favorite was the one of her on her boat with her family...makes me think of summer! Bri's dad came in to read some funny stories to us, her family had lunch with her, and she even brought in a yummy treat! Her Mystery Box item was a scrapbook, and her See-Thru Picture Card was Winnie the Pooh. Thanks for a super week, Bri! Look for her great story attached to this Newsletter. Bri was our final Author of the Week, and I hope your child enjoyed their special week in first grade. Hang onto those Important Person Books...they will make great conversation pieces in about 10 years!

THINGS TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR...

- We will have **Popcorn Day** next Friday, May 27. Bags cost 50¢ each.
- We will continue our focus on **Animals** next week.
- Our **plays** are next Friday, May 27, at 2:30 in our classroom.
- Our last spelling test of the year was this week, along with our last Homelink. Yippee! We will re-start our reading groups next week, but will focus on practicing for our plays.
- All **Library materials** are due on Friday, May 27.
- We will be making a project that requires a **clear plastic jar (with lid)**. Some ideas are empty peanut butter jars, canned fruit jars, and bottled juice jars. Please wash and dry the jars and send them into school (with the lids) by Thursday, June 2. If you have more than one, feel free to send them in for anyone that may need one. Thank you!

I'll be camping with my daughter's Girl Scout troop this weekend. I hope the weather cooperates, as it will be miserable if it doesn't! I'm also at the end of my marathon training, with my race coming up Memorial Day weekend in Madison. No rest for me these days! Have a great week, and I hope to see you on Friday for our plays!



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