

# First Grade Newsletter

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## Phonics

Blends: **st** and **sk**

\*Look for these blends in the  
middle and end of words as  
well as the beginning!

### Vocabulary Words

**add**

**catch**

**close**

**everything**

**bad**

Handwriting: We have nearly completed our *Handwriting Without Tears* workbook. We have been looking through it to map our growth from the beginning of the school year. A lot of progress has been made in letter formation and appropriate spaces. As you write with your children at home, always encourage them to do their best work...don't let them fall into the trap of lazy writing. Thanks so much for your help at home. Your time and support to your child's education is invaluable!

## Reading/L.A.

**New theme – Home**  
*Sweet Habitat week 1*

1. Vocabulary words –  
*ground, tunnel, creature*
2. Expressing sounds when reading and writing
3. Repetition of language
4. Rereading a text for better understanding



We are celebrating the arrival of several caterpillars this week.



Each first grade classroom received recently hatched larvae which we will observe as they grow and spin chrysalises and eventually emerge as Painted Lady butterflies! We are very excited about this *metamorphosis* and have been keeping track of the changes in our butterfly journals.

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## Math

- Begin our final math unit: *Year End Review and Assessment*
- Collecting data and displaying it in a meaningful way, such as a line plot or graph
- Review telling time to the hour and half hour
- Mental math – use the skills learned this year to quickly do math in your mind

**Field Day** – We will have field day on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:45. Our gym teacher, Mrs. Dennis is in a need of a few parent helpers willing to help set up and assist the students on this day. If you are interesting in helping with field day, please call the school at 317-326-3117 and ask for Mrs. Dennis' voicemail.

## ZOO TRIP

The deadline to return the field trip permission slip and \$2.00 zoo fee is **Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact me if you have any questions. This year we had an overwhelming response to our call for parent chaperones and we thank you all so much for your interest. At this time, all of our chaperone slots have been filled and we cannot take any other adults with us. Thanks again!

### Important Dates :

#### May -

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|----|-------------------------------------|
| 15 | PTO meeting (6:30 PM)               |
| 17 | Field Day                           |
| 24 | Zoo Field Trip                      |
| 27 | Memorial Day - no school            |
| 28 | Spring Awards (9:00AM)              |
| 29 | Last Student Day!!                  |
| 31 | Final report cards available online |