

**Mrs. Ricks’ Classroom News**

**Week of April 1st**

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| **Phonics Skill:**  -We will focus on spelling alternatives for the consonant /s/ sound. (Consonant /s/- ‘s’, ‘ss’, ‘c’, ‘ce’ and ‘se.’)  -We will review these tricky words:  **so, no, of**, **all, some, from, word,** **are, were, have, one, once, do, two, the, who, said, says, was, when, why, where, what, which, here, there they, their, my, by, you, your, because, should, would, could, down, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, today, yesterday,** **how, picture,** and **tomorrow.**  **Reading:**  -Students will read a variety of passages while reviewing previously taught phonics skills. They will answer written comprehension questions by going back to find evidence in the text to support their answers. Students will then write the answers in complete sentences.  **Grammar:**  -Review Nouns, Verbs, and Adjectives  -Introduce Pronouns and Prepositions  **Knowledge/Writing:**  -Our 9th Knowledge Unit is “Fairy Tales.” We will focus on these fairy tales: **Sleeping Beauty, Rumpelstiltskin, Rapunzel, The Frog Prince- Part I, and The Frog Prince- Part II.** Vocabulary words that we will focus on**: enchanted, prick, spell, virtue, wisdom, boasting, claim, clever, pity, succeed, delight, longed, merciful, rage, court, glee, retrieved, wailed, well, contented, disgusting, glared, scold**  -Through writing, students will fill out fairy tale charts, compare fairy tales by completing Venn diagrams, and describe their favorite fairy tale from the week.  **Specials Schedule:**  Monday, 4/01- Tech/Library  Tuesday, 4/02- P.E./Music  Wednesday, 4/03- Art  Thursday, 4/04- Music/P.E.  Friday, 4/05- Tech/Library  1stgrade | **Math:**  -Money (counting groups of coins- like and unlike)  **Core:**  -Plant and Animal Structures and Survival-  (Students will develop the idea that, just like a superhero has special powers, every animal and plant have special parts and behaviors that help them grow and meet their needs.)  **Upcoming Dates:**  **Thursday, April 4th-** First Grade Field Trip to IMAX  **Friday, April 5th-** Cozy Reading (10:20-10:50)  **Monday, April 8th-** Eclipse (Students will be given glasses at school.)  **Friday, April 19th-** No School, Staff Work Day  **April 22nd-26th-** Book Fair  **Wednesday, April 24th-** Field Trip to Gardens on Spring Creek (Ricks and Hause)  **Thursday, April 25th-** First Grade Music Program,  6:30 pm  **Friday, April 26th-** Bethke’s Spring Social 5:00-7:00pm  **Friday, May 3rd-** Cozy Reading (10:20-10:50)  **Thursday, May 23rd-** Field Day that morning and Family Picnic Luncheon from 12:15-12:45  **Friday, May 24th-** No School- Teacher Work Day  **Monday, May 27th-** No School- Memorial Day  **Thursday, May 30th-** Last Day of School (1/2 day)  Education - School Supply - Crayon Set Isolated on White Background - Black, Blue, Turquoise, Teal, Green, Yellow, Orange, Red, Pink, Purple, Brown, and Gray Crayons Isolated on White Background |