

May 2, 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the reading and poetry celebration on Friday. The children worked very hard! They had a wonderful time sharing them with the kindergarten students and all of you. I cannot believe that we are in the last part of the school year.

Please be sure to continue **reading books nightly** and in their **fluency** folder as well. The students are all trying to reach the

End of the Year Reading Goals: (Reading done in 1 minute)

Nonsense Words- Correct letter Sounds:

58

Whole Nonsense-Words Read:

13

Fluency:

47 words

Accuracy:

90%

Retell:

15 words

READING TIPS:

Reading “**tricky words**,” you can remind your child to **1)Chunk it** (look for smaller known words within a bigger word **2)Think about** what it means **3)does the word Make Sense** 4)does it **Sound right** **5)look** for words they see or know in the tricky word.

Comprehension-Understanding what they are reading by trying to help them have a sense for why it happened. That’s why it’s important to reread so we can understand, learn from, and most importantly **enjoy** and **love** books! Rereading allows the children truly get that “great story” in their heads.

EXCITING NEWS:

Please mark your calendars for a very important event coming up in May. The children have started practicing for the First grade annual production of **Peter Rabbit** and the **Mother’s Day Tea**. The speaking and acting parts will be chosen this week. On Thursday, May 11th there will be a dress rehearsal for all siblings, Dads, grandfathers, etc. It will be at 1:00 during our music time in the pit. The main performance for Moms, Grandmas will be on Friday, May 12th at 2:45 in the pit area. Immediately following their performance there will be time to sit down, drink tea, nibble on cookies and read some amazing poems with moms and to enjoy your time together!

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FIELD TRIP:

We will be traveling to Crawford Reservoir on Monday, May 22nd for our annual visit. We will be leaving school at 8:30 sharp and returning at 3:00. The park rangers will be taking us on a trail hike, boating around the reservoir, and yes, fishing! The children will need to pack a cold lunch and a drink. They will also need to bring a water bottle, dress in appropriate clothing and shoes, and please put on sunscreen as well. As we get closer more details will follow.

Have a wonderful day!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Horn