


Mrs. Whelan's Weekly News

This is the week we've all been waiting for...FAIRY TALE DAY is on Thursday. If the weather is nice, it will be outside on the blacktop beginning at 9:30. You would not need to get a tag from the office, since you are not coming into the building. However, if it rains, the parade will be inside, and we will go around the hallways at 9:30. In the event of rain, you would need to sign in at the office before standing in the hallway. Let's keep our fingers crossed for no rain! Your child should wear his/her costume to school and bring a change of clothes. I will provide your child with a bag to collect the materials that they will make that day in each of the first grade classrooms during our learning experience. Please be on the lookout for your child's fantastic fairy tale projects! Friday is the day that has been set aside for conferences. I still have four families that need to sign up. It is very important to have a conference since it's not only a WCPSS requirements, but a great opportunity to discuss your child's present levels and what you can do to support them at home. The link for the sign up is:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b48a8aa22a31-fall4 - you can sign up in a spot and we can have a phone conference if you are unable to come to school. Please just indicate in the comments section that you'd like a phone conference.

In math, we will begin our next unit, which focuses more on tens and ones. We will build number using cubes, ten frames, and popsicle sticks (representing tens) and beans (representing ones). Please practice tens and ones at home as well -the more practice they have, the deeper their understanding will be of this concept. Please pay careful attention to the worksheets that are coming home daily. If your child needs to review a skill, please make that their homework for the night. In Reading, we will focus on fairy tales-the characters, setting, problem \& solution and the moral of the story. When we read non-fiction (our focus is currently on bats), we will practice asking questions about what we're learning and being able to recall facts. In writing, we are starting a new unit called "opinion writing". First, we will identify a fact from an opinion. Then we will write a letter about something we want to have or change at Northwoods. In Letterland, we will work on words with the Vowel Men. These are words that have a long vowel sound (please see above). In Social Studies, we will continue to study maps. Please refer to Seesaw for the vocabulary words that your children needs to know. Our map test will be on Tuesday.

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