

# First Grade News

## May 9th—May 13th



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#### WEEKLY REMINDERS:

- **Spelling Test is on Friday, May 13th.**
- **Reading assessments will be on Friday, May 13th. Students will read on their own...**
- **Please remember that electronic devices, such as a PSP or a DSI should not be brought to school. Cell phones can be turned into their classroom teacher**

#### School Alert

With the weather getting nicer, please make sure students have sneakers everyday for either PE or outside time. If they are new please send in or leave an old pair to use outside at school.



## Math Lessons Unit 8

### Mental Arithmetic, Money, and Fractions

#### -Lesson 8.7 Fractions

- Students will further practice using fractional parts of a whole.
- Students will also be introduced to unit fraction notation.

#### -Lesson 8.8 Sharing Pennies

- Students will use pennies to find fractional parts of collections.

#### -Lesson 8.9 Explorations

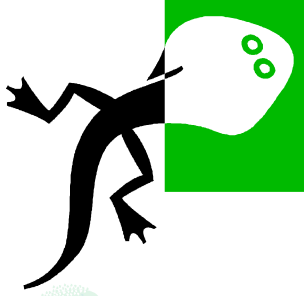
- Students will take part in different Explorations.
  - \* Exploration A: Finding relationships involving pattern blocks.
  - \* Exploration B: Naming fractional parts of regions.
  - \* Exploration C: Sorting fact triangles

#### Lesson 8.10 Progress Check Unit 8

- Students will take the assessment for Unit 8.
- The test will include the following: Fractions, Symmetry, Name Boxes, Base 10 Blocks, Fact Families, Word Problems with Money, 3-D shapes.



### Science and Social Studies



The tadpoles have arrived and are huge... they will be going through many changes over this trimester. As the students continue to learn about their life cycle... make sure to ask students about what they have observed and what stage the tadpoles are currently in...

Eggs-> Tadpoles-> Tadpoles with legs-> Frog with tail-> Adult Frog



## ELA/Communication Story "Busy Buzzy Bee"

**This weeks story** is about a bee who carries out a busy schedule showing the different aspects of the life of a honey bee.

**Writing** will consist of students continuing work on our classroom Treasure Books. Students will be writing and illustrating their own pages for the book.

### Spelling Words (Test is on Friday 5/13)

The spelling pattern this week is:  
**/long o/ sound spelled with o\_e**

Here are some examples of words that follow this spelling pattern.

bone, rose, stone

### High Frequency Words and Vocabulary

#### High Frequency Words

1. **another**
2. **change**

#### Vocabulary Words

1. **Field**– a meadow
2. **Touch**– to tap lightly
3. **Twelve**– the sum of ten and two
4. **Wait**– to stay
5. **Wild**– something that grows on its own

### FYI



As we continue through the last trimester, we have started to notice students are coming in tired and sluggish. Please help and make sure your children are getting to bed early and coming in ready to work on time. We are very busy this last trimester and we know with nice weather, and staying light later, it is hard to get to bed on time. Thank you for your continued help and support.

