

# 1st Grade News

April 15, 2024



## Preparing for Literacy Testing

We are focusing on READING, READING, READING as Literacy testing is quickly approaching! Our fluency goal is 47 correct words per minute to meet benchmark in first grade. As always, thank you for partnering with us in building your child's reading skills!

## Book Fair

TCA will be hosting a book fair this year from April 22-26. Please stop by to pick up some great books for you child to enjoy over the summer!

## Service Run

This year all donations from our service run will go to support the St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Pledge forms have gone home, but can also be accessed on the TCA East website. Volunteer Sign-ups can be found on the TCA East P.E. page.

## Important Dates:

**April 17th** - 5th/6th grade concert. Dress-up day (suits, dresses, etc.)

**April 22 -26** Book Fair

**April 25th** - Field Trip to Nature Center

**April 25th** - Art Show 5pm

**April 26th** - Service Run

**May 2nd/3rd** - Literacy Testing (no regular school) - carnival @ North

**May 13th** - All Library Books Due

**May 20-23rd** - Camp Learned-A-Lot

**May 23rd**—Last Day of School (1/2 day)



*"That is part of the beauty of all literature. You discover that your longings are universal longings, that you're not lonely and isolated from anyone. You belong."  
— F. Scott Fitzgerald*

## In Our Curriculum:

### Spelling

**Spelling Lists: 51 & 52**  
[spelling lists](#)

### Core Knowledge

**Plants and Animals:** This week we will identify and compare traits of animals

### Poetry

*Declaration of Independence*  
Thomas Jefferson

**Memorize this section: "We hold these truths....consent of the governed."**

*There are lots of beautiful words in this selection, that are also hard to pronounce. Please work with your child on articulating these tough words.*

Due: week of April 29th  
[Declaration of Independence](#)

### Animal Reports

Each year in first grade, the students choose an animal they would like to research. Mrs. Sheffield helped them create the animal out of clay during art, and then the kids get to present their clay animal and animal report during our plant and animal unit. Please note that the research portion of this project is an **AT HOME** project. Please help your child complete the report form and send it back to school no later than April 24th. Form was sent home in folders last week.

### Math

We are revisiting many of our strategies for subtracting larger numbers. Feel free to use the strategy "cheat sheet" that was sent home during our numbers to 40 chapter to complete homework for the next few weeks.