# What's Fun in Grade ONE?

# News from Mrs. Ligon and Mrs. Benz's Class April 9, 2018

#### In the Classroom

Literacy— This week we will be reviewing the reading strategies that we can use when we come across a trick



when we come across a trick word. We will be learning how good readers persevere by using their strategies and cross—checking

until they figure out a tricky word. In phonics, we will continue learning about silent E and vowel teams.

Writing— We will continue studying a mentor author to improve our own narrative writing. This week we will be reading several of Ezra Jack Keats' books and learning how he uses strong story starters, dialogue, and varied sentence types in his stories. We we



sentence types in his stories. We will also be adding these things to our own stories!



Math— We will be using hundreds boards to help us to find ten more and ten less than a given number. We will also be using what we learned about ten more and ten less to help us to solve story.

problems with decade numbers.

Science— We will begin learning about organisms this week. We will learn how to tell if something is living (living things grow/change, can move on their own, and have needs). We will also observe



different varieties of seeds and plant the seeds so we can observe them as they grow.

#### Homework.

Homework this week includes a reading log, reader's response questions, a math packet, and quarter 1, 2, and 3 Trick Words.

#### Contact Information

My email address is jligon@wcpss.net. You can also reach me by calling the office at (919)870—4100. You may also visit our class website at: www.mrsligonsclassroom.weebly.com

# Spring Conferences

Spring parent—teacher conferences begin next week. I am looking forward to seeing you all and sharing your student's progress with you! Please visit www.mrsligonsclassroom.weebly.com to sign up for a conference. You can also sign up visiting http://bit.ly/2IAZS4K.

#### Extra Clothes

Please make sure that your child has a full change of clothes in his or her backpack. Spills in the lunchroom and mud on the playground happen sometimes, and these accidents are much easier to deal with if your child has a change of clothes at school. Thank you!

# **EOG Proctors Needed**

The End of grade tests for grades 3, 4, 5 will occur from May 24 through June 8 and we need of proctors. Proctors should have volunteer clearance and need to attend a training that will be provided in May (time TBD). It is a boring job, but extremely important! We need as many bodies as possible, especially May 28 through June 1, roughly from 8:20 am-12:00pm. You are encouraged to wear your Fit bit and sneakers. Please contact Kathleen Mulder at kmulder@wcpss.net

#### Important Dates

Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>— Report Cards go home Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>— Spring Conferences begin Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>— Spring Pictures Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>— Spirit Night @Chick Fil A

# Classroom Wish List

Sturdy cardboard boxes with lids.