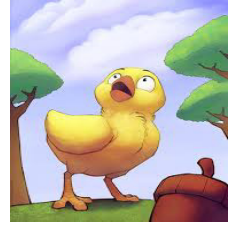


First Grade
Literacy Life
FEBRUARY 29, 2016



Dear Room 126 Families,

Happy Leap Day! We are looking forward to three great weeks of interesting characters and creative stories! This week, we will spend some time studying one of our favorite authors, Dr. Seuss. We will read a biography to learn all about his life and practice reading with expression and rhythm as we enjoy a variety of his books. During the next two weeks, we will read *Little Rabbit's Tale* and *Chicken Little*. In addition to enjoying the funny characters and interesting events, the students will work on identifying the moral of each story.

Happy Reading!
Martha Orso



Word Wall Words

2/29-3/4

- ◆ think
- ◆ or
- ◆ car
- ◆ under
- ◆ old

3/8-3/18

- ◆ into
- ◆ but
- ◆ eat
- ◆ must
- ◆ now

Spelling Words

2/29-3/4

- ◆ blow
- ◆ snow
- ◆ coat
- ◆ toast
- ◆ road

3/8-3/18

- ◆ bedtime
- ◆ backpack
- ◆ raincoat
- ◆ inside
- ◆ himself

Vocabulary

- ◆ biography
- ◆ rippled
- ◆ swarm
- ◆ cause
- ◆ effect

Reading Strategies

- ◆ **The Essential Question**—Why do characters act the way they do?
- ◆ **Inferring**—Use pictures and words to infer character motives and feelings about events.
- ◆ **Cause & Effect**—Identify how the characters' actions cause other things to happen.

Writing

The first graders are sharing their writing with a buddy and are asking questions about facts that are unclear or missing. Students are able to go back to their own writing to add or delete information to make their writing better.

During conversations at home, ask questions to encourage your child to clarify ideas and elaborate a bit more. This will help him/her to become a stronger writer.

Activities to Do Together

- ◆ **Sculpture characters**—Create your favorite Dr. Seuss character using blocks, clay, or other materials. Take a digital picture or even bring the sculpture into school for your child to share.
- ◆ **Create a character**—Imagine a character that could jump right into a Dr. Seuss book. Describe your character? What does he/she look like? What is his/her name? Draw a picture and write a short biography about your character.