

March 12, 2010

Dear Parents,

March is full of events it seems! We had a wonderful time attending "Max and Ruby" in St. Charles. It was fun to see the looks on the kids' faces as they watched. Thanks to PTA for providing money for the tickets. We are also preparing for the Poetry Coffee House event on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you can attend if you haven't already done so.

Our entire school will take part in an author event next Friday March 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be welcoming Lisa Graff the author of The Thing About Georgie. The kids will also be attending a panel discussion with students and adults who will talk about being "differently-abled". If you get a chance please send in a picture of you and your family reading Georgie together. We will be hanging these pictures in the LLC to welcome Lisa Graff.

Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> there is another event that you are welcome to attend. The Windy City Warriors wheelchair basketball team is having a fundraising event at Ackerman Sports and Fitness Center 800 St. Charles Rd. in Glen Ellyn. Austin participates in the beginning level of the Warrior program. The cost is \$2.00 for kids \$5.00 for adults and starts at 7:00. The Warriors will be playing against the wheelchair Bulls. Mrs. J. and I will be attending.

Thanks for sending in the Fishy Show t-shirt money. We will put it to good use! The kids plan, design, and make a shirt to wear on the big night.

You will find the last parent volunteer schedule in your child's folder today. If you are a volunteer please check your dates and let me know if there is a conflict. It's hard to believe we are headed toward the end of 1<sup>st</sup> grade! Thanks to all the parents who have read with the kids. You have truly made a difference in their lives!

This week we have also...

- used our inferencing skills to figure out the topic of poems.
- found out that poets often compare things in poetry. We tried writing some poems that compare.
- looked for different ways to spell long vowels.
- practiced our individual, group, and everybody poems for the Coffee House.
- worked with non-standard measuring tools during math. Non-standard tools are things that are not the same size wherever you go. We measured objects with paper clips, pencils, and shoes.
- celebrated Amari's birthday!

Field Day Information:

Our 1<sup>st</sup> grade Field Day will be on the afternoon of May 20<sup>th</sup>. This year each team is representing a college or university. Please talk to your child about a college or university that you attended or that you like. We'll collect ideas of colleges and then take a class vote to decide which one we will represent on Field Day.

Enjoy the Weekend!