

NEWS FROM...

The 1st Grade eLc Galaxy

February 3, 2017

Skills to practice at home:

- ⇒ Help your child learn to identify visually and know the value of coins.
- ⇒ Give your child 4-5 numbers between 10 and 100 and have him/her put them in order from least to greatest OR greatest to least.
- ⇒ After reading a fiction book with your child, ask, "What do you know about (character)? What words does the author use to show you?"
- ⇒ While reading a non-fiction book with your child, ask, "What new information did you learn from the captions?"
- ⇒ Compare numbers using the terminology "greater than" "less than" and "equal to".
- ⇒ Discuss ways to be Safe, On Task, Always Respectful, and Responsible

What's Going on in eLc

Money

First grade students need to be able to identify coins, both visually and their value. This is not always a quick and easy process—kind of like learning to tie your shoes. Children have to have A LOT of repeated practice with coins in order to master this skill. We have been counting dimes and pennies for tens and ones in class, and soon will begin counting with nickels and quarters. Let your child have a cup of mixed coins to sort and identify. Show your child different ways to make a dollar, first with like coins, (10 dimes, 100 pennies, 20 nickels, etc.) and once your child has mastered this, he/she can move to mixing coins.

Eagle Observations

We have begun observing an eagle's nest in Hanover, Pennsylvania. The eagle pair has been nesting in this site for several years. Hopefully they will lay their eggs in the next week or two. We will be observing the nest throughout the spring as scientists—asking questions, conducting research to find answers, noticing changes on a day to day basis, and recording what we observe in our journals. The link to the eagle cam is <http://hdontap.com/index.php/video/stream/bald-eagle-live-cam>.

There are other web cams out there, but we will stick to this one (and perhaps the one in Washington, DC. There has not been a lot of action there yet, so I don't know if the eagles are returning to that nest this year.) By observing the same nest through a nesting cycle, the students become more invested in the process and take "ownership" of the eagles and the eaglets. I hope you will be hearing a lot about this from your child!



Mark Your Calendar!

February 2017

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Feb. 17—Half Day for students

Feb. 24—"Suessical, Jr." and FLE Foundation Auction –RNE Auditorium

Feb. 24—Class group picture day (Wear your uniform!)

March 2017

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March 2—Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America Day

March 21—End of the 3rd nine weeks

March 21—Spring individual pictures

March 20—24 Scholastic Book Fair

March 31—Report cards are issued

Silent Auction:

Please consider helping us secure donations for our Silent Auction on February 26th! This is a major fundraiser for our school! Ask the places where you do business to donate a service or item! (If you are new to FLE, this is a fabulous auction—GREAT stuff!)

FLE Blog and Twitter!

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First Grade's Website:

<http://flefirst.weebly.com/>