



***First Grade Newsletter***  
***Week 30***  
***March 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>***



**Dates to Remember**

March 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Scholastic Book Fair

March 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Jump for heart forms and money are due

March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ No School Spring Break

**Spelling** ~ high, night, light, right, might, bright, rode, those, touch, twelve

**Bonus Words** ~ afraid, join, learn, thought, nothing, wonder

Think of a sentence for each word but leave the word out. Ask your child to complete the sentence by choosing the word and saying the word. Then your child can create a new sentence with the same word.

**Grammar** ~ This week we will introduce describing words with –er and –est. Describing words that end with –er and –est are used to compare things. When you describe two things, you use the words fast and faster and when you describe three things, you can use fastest. Ex: a car is fast. A jet is faster. A rocket is the fastest.

**Insects/ Insect Projects** ~ We have been learning about many different types of insects. If your child has any books to share about insects please send them in so we can read them. We are asking that the insect project be turned in on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> so we can display them in our classrooms and they can present the written part to the class. The instructions for this assignment are attached at the end of this newsletter.

**Book Fair** ~ Our Spring Book Fair here! It will begin March 15<sup>th</sup> and end on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Come check out all the great books available! If you are interested in participating please see Mrs. Davidson. It is a fun event to be involved in.

**Jump for Heart** ~ fundraiser is underway. Please try to help us raise money for the American Heart Association. All donation forms and money need to be turned in by March 19<sup>th</sup>. The students have been jumping rope in PE class. The class that raises the most money will win double dutch jump ropes and the class that comes in second will win jump ropes for their classroom.

**Report Cards** ~ End of the third quarter was March 12<sup>th</sup>. There were two copies of the report card sent home. If you have not returned a copy please sign one copy and return to your child's teacher as soon as possible. The other copy is for you to keep.

**Spring Break** ~ Spring break is almost here! It is March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. We get a whole week! Please mark your calendars so you can make any arrangements necessary.

**Snacks** ~ Please make sure your child is bringing a healthy snack for break. We have been seeing students bring chocolate for snack. We talk to them in our classrooms about snacks that are good for us. Also, chocolate does not fill them up and they are telling us that they are hungry. This makes learning time difficult for them to concentrate because all they can think about is food.

**Sunscreen** ~ The weather is getting warmer outside and we are asking that all children come to school with sunscreen on. We are not allowed to put sunscreen on the students and they are not allowed to have it in their backpacks. We want to make sure that they are protected from the sun. Also, remember to bring a water bottle to school with their names written on them. This will help keep them hydrated.

**Yearbooks** ~ It's not too late to purchase your 2009-2010 TCDS full color yearbook. Order forms are in the office or in Mrs. Arriaga's room 304. The prices are \$25 for a soft cover and \$30 for a hard cover.

## **Every Insect**

Every insect (ant, fly, bee)

Is divided into three:

One head, one chest, one stomach part.

Some have brains.

All have a heart.

Insects have no bones

No noses.

But with feelers they can smell

Dinner half a mile away.

Can your nose do half as well?

Also you'd be in a fix

With all those legs to manage:

Six.



## Homework Project Recycled Insect



This is a homework assignment and is due back in class on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Here is what you need to do:

1. Gather up some recycled materials such as plastic bottles, lids, egg cartons, and some materials from nature such as twigs, leaves, and bark.
2. Look at your materials and decide what kind of insect you could create. Use your imagination.
3. Put your insect together. It must have these things:
  1. 3 body parts
  2. 6 legs attached to the thorax
  3. antenna
  4. mouth parts



4. On the sheet of paper you need to describe your insect. Your description must include these things:

1. what it eats
2. how it defends and protects itself
3. when it is active
4. it's habitat
5. the stages of it's life cycle
6. another interesting fact about your insect



5. Be ready to talk about your insect and explain how you made it.

Make sure to ask me if you have any questions or need help finding materials.



Have fun and good luck!

