

First Grade Buzz

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Conversation Starters

Tell me about your connecting cube staircases and mystery boxes in math class.

I see you have some number cards and game directions in your folder. Let's cut them apart and play!

How does the reading strategy "Eagle Eyes" help you figure out a word?

Who is your favorite First Grade Reading Friend? Pete the Cat? Bella and Rosie? Jack or Daisy?

Do you remember any of the words to songs you are singing in music class? Chicken Soup with Rice? Chicka Chicka Boom Boom? Or Apples and Bananas? The Vowel Song?

What is a Frog Jump capital letter? How do you make them?



How many caterpillars do you have in your room?

How many chrysalises?

Do you know what monarch caterpillars eat? Why?

What did you write on your monarch sign?

Good to Note

Leigh McCarthy is a Leesburg –based speech therapist who sees her Hill School clients on campus once a week. She will screen students who have been identified by teacher and/or parents tomorrow and next week for any signs of a language-based problem. Concerns could be the child's inability to make certain sounds, lisping, stuttering, or could also include broader language difficulties with tasks such as word retrieval, understanding directions, or telling a story in the correct sequence. **Please contact us tonight if you want to make sure that your child is screened.** We will share the results of the screening with you at our upcoming parent teacher conference. Leigh will contact you if your child's screening shows any concerns that she feels may need further evaluation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

Today is the first day of math homework. Throughout the year we will send home games and a few worksheets. The game cards are for you to keep and use repeatedly. (Please keep in mind that we are still learning routines and assessing the children. If this game is too easy for your child, please feel free to add two cards together and compare the sum.)

Please send in a small water cup to be left here at school.