



Adventures with Mrs. Amish

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Announcements

Thank you PTO and parents for the wonderful **Teacher Appreciation**



Week. You were so generous and thoughtful this past week. All the gifts each day were so much fun. You are really good cooks, too. The lunches have been fabulous!! I've said over and over how extraordinary the parents and children are in District 66. I loved all of the flowers, candy, pictures, cards and gifts the children have brought to me each day. Your thoughtfulness never fails to astonish me. Thanks to all of you who sent personal notes. I treasure your kind words, and am sure it's what has kept me going for the past 23 years. It always feels good to be appreciated.

Reading

Next week we will be reading the story, *Fireflies for Nathan* by Shulamith Levey Oppenheim. It is about a boy who is staying with his grandparents and wants to catch fireflies like his dad did when he was a child. The children should connect to their parents and their own experiences with fireflies or lightning bugs.

We will concentrate on the **comprehension** strategies of summarizing, sequencing, and using poetic language.

Vocabulary words for next week are:

appear beacon favorite journey monarch promises warn whispers above against already begin caught minute

Phonics lessons will concentrate on the /o/ sound. It can be spelled in 4 different ways:, either as (o), (al), (au), or (aw).

This week we will be using the (al) spelling.

Grammar lessons will develop the students' understanding of antonyms, which is another word for opposites.

Spelling words next week are:

bad vet fact all talk walk small made their beanstalk



ABC Days of School

K- Kid's Movie

L- Lion Day (**Wear your Ide Pride shirt or school colors**)

M- Music Day

N- Neatness Day

O- Outside Day



Next Tuesday is our field trip to Blackberry Farm.

Please dress your child for the weather outside. That would be comfortable walking shoes and jackets and rain gear (if needed).

- Please put suntan lotion on your child before they leave home (I am not allowed to apply it).
- **Send their lunch and drink in a brown bag** with their name on it. Please put it in a plastic bag if it's raining. Please make sure everything can be thrown away after lunch, so that there is nothing to carry home (no thermoses, ice packs, or Tupperware).
- Please do not send money. They will not need to purchase anything.

Math



This week in math we learned how to read the Fahrenheit thermometer and measure with rulers. We skipped the pages on reading Celsius. This is something you can practice this summer. Watch the red line go up! We will begin 2-digit addition and subtraction next week. We will be assessing it next week, but it does not need to be mastered in 1st

grade.



Happy Mother's Day!! I wish all of you a happy and restful Mother's Day. You've done a great job and have raised wonderful children. You deserve a day filled with happiness, peace and love.

Next Friday is Early Dismissal. Students will leave at noon.



All library books are due back by May 21.

