

Willard South Elementary (Apr. 2014)

# First Grade News

Our word for the month is **TRUSTWORTHY**. To be reliable, to follow through with your responsibilities, and to act in a way that will inspire others to believe in you.



**Reading:** By the end of this unit, your child should be able to:

1. read using all the strategies he/she knows to tackle hard words and tricky parts of books.
2. work with a partner to tackle tricky parts of his/her reading.
3. use accuracy strategies to self-correct when he/she reads.
4. use comprehension strategies to monitor his/her understanding as he/she reads.
5. read smoothly, with expression when reading aloud to others.

We will begin another reading unit this month, and by the end of our new unit, your child should be able to:

- \*use a critical eye while reading nonfiction texts.
- \*read using all the strategies he/she knows to tackle hard words and tricky parts of books.
- \*use accuracy strategies to self-correct when he/she reads.
- \*read smoothly with a teaching voice.
- \*find similarities and differences in texts about the same topic across all genres.
- \*make and describe connections between two people, events or ideas in nonfiction.
- \*ask and answer questions to help understand new words.
- \*compare and contrast the main idea of two nonfiction texts.
- \*ask and answer questions about key details in a text.

**Writing:** By the end of this unit, your child should be able to:

1. invent characters and small moment adventures to write many books in a series.
2. make his/her fiction writing more realistic by adding details.
3. have a 'can do' attitude and give himself/herself 'orders' to keep writing.
4. make a satisfying ending to his/her story.
5. make courageous word choices and attempt to spell these challenging words.
6. use a checklist to revise and edit his/her writing.
7. set own goals to improve his/her writing.



**Math:** This month the students will continue to work on the following skills:

- \*add within 100 using 10's and 1's.
- \*find 10 more than a number.
- \*find 10 less than a number.
- \*subtract using 10's.

We will also work on these skills:

- \*order 3 objects by length.
- \*compare the lengths of 2 objects.
- \*measure an object and tell the length.
- \*represent and answer questions about data.



**High Frequency Words:**

Word List E—little, two, going, here, but, that, said, over, don't, our, what, with, three, their, where, want, today, home, down, under, much, love, know, take, let

Students should know how to read these words in books and spell these words correctly in their writing.



**Special Activities & Announcements:**

- +Hat Day is Tuesday. April 1st. Please bring a canned good for the Food Pantry.
- +School will dismiss at 12:30 PM Friday, April 4th.
- +Mid-quarter is Friday, April 17th, with reports going home the following week.
- +Our Tiger Pride Assembly will be Tuesday, April 29, from 2:30-3:30 PM in the cafeteria.
- +The Book-It program ended last month, but please continue to read with your child each night.

