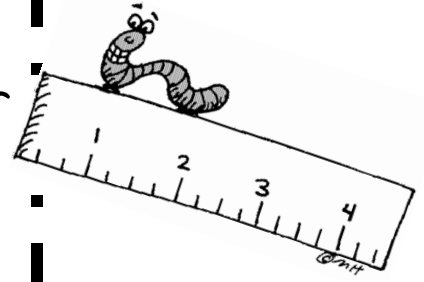




# Miss Basinger's First Grade Newsletter April 20, 2017



## This is what we studied:

- The word of the week: *optimism* - We have been talking about seeing the best in people and circumstances. We also talked about how to be positive and think of big goals.
- We started sharing our "What's in My Egg?" papers.
- We read some Frog and Toad stories! The kids love them!
- We are beginning to talk about frog life cycles.
- We have been working on a lot of activities to discuss things we love about the earth, and how to protect it.
- The kids have been very cognizant of picking up trash in the halls and on the playground this week! (They are usually pretty awesome about keeping our world clean anyways, but they make me proud!)
- We have been making new endings to stories like Jack and the Beanstalk and a few other stories we have read together.
- We continue to work on phonics skills, comprehension, and fluency in small groups.
- In math, we have been focusing on double-digit addition without regrouping. (For example:  $27+31=58$ . The ones do not add to ten or more, so there is no carrying or grouping ones to make a bundle of ten to add on.)



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- APR 21- Author Visit at the library to listen to the author AMY SHRODES read *Lost and Found Cat*.
- APR 24- Blast off! (Pre-K leads) And **ZOO TRIP!!!** (leave @ 9:30- return @ 2)
- APR 25- Spring pictures! (no uniforms today!) (John Rex parents can help at the arts festival this day)
- APR 27 & 28- NO SCHOOL! → OKC ART FESTIVAL
- MAY 1-5- Teacher Appreciation week
- MAY 11- Muffins with mom in the gym!
- MAY 22 Blast off and opening ceremony + International Explorers Event which runs MAY 22 & 23.
- MAY 24- Field Day
- MAY 25- Closing ceremony- last day of school!



If I had a flower  
for every time you made me  
smile and laugh  
I'd have a garden to walk in  
*forever.*

I only have 24 days left  
with your precious babies.  
I have loved every minute  
of this year, trying to show  
them as much love,  
knowledge, and kindness as  
I can, so that they may take  
on any challenges, thank you  
for sharing them with me!