



# Miss Basinger's First Grade Newsletter May 18, 2017

International Explorers days are next week! We will be displaying all our work on a table for other classes to come around and view. Due to testing, our student computers are being occupied, and we are trading in iPads.

Therefore, I need your help! Please help us have an awesome table to display all our knowledge of Irish culture! Bring in a research project by tomorrow, May 19<sup>th</sup>! (I can extend this deadline to Monday morning if you absolutely need more time) Some ideas include: a diorama, a craft that portrays Irish heritage, an instrument (can be made from scrap supplies), pictures, artifacts, posters, collages, or a written report about Ireland, traditions, dances, places to visit, or any other historical fact about Ireland and Irish culture. Thank you so much!



## Upcoming Events:

- MAY 19- Cluster Showcase! 5-7!  
Performances are from 6-7! (see notes for times)  
---Ireland Project is due!
- MAY 22 Blast off and opening ceremony to International Explorers Event which runs MAY 22 & 23. (need volunteers for this to help with hosting tables)
- MAY 24- Field Day (need volunteers!)
- MAY 25- Closing ceremony- last day

## This is what we studied:

- The word of the week: *excellence*— *We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.*
- We have been studying places in Ireland and some of the traditions, including the Blarney castle and kissing the Blarney stone to get the skill of eloquence.
- We read more Frog and Toad stories because they are our favorites right now!
- We have been working daily on adding and subtracting numbers on a 100s chart by moving up, down (+ -10s) and left, right (+ - 1s)

This is my last newsletter to you all. I am going to miss your babies more than you'll ever know! I say this all the time, but this year has been the best year of teaching for me, by FAR! I cannot thank you all enough for all the support you have given and the time and effort you put in to your kids! I will never forget how sweet and kind this class was. The community we have is so loving, and the kids are not afraid to share their feelings or get to know a classmate better. They are welcoming, helpful and truly care about each other! I will miss them all so much, and I can't wait to see their successes in the next few years at John Rex.

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