**Our 1st Grade Classroom News**

**The Week of September 5th – 9th**

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**Important Info**

Sept. 5th No School

Sept. 13th Early Release Day

Sept. 22nd Zoo Field Trip

**Upcoming Events**

* **Math Challenge:**We just started Topic 2 in math that has many subtraction activities. Have your child come up with subtraction story problems with something being taken away. Here is an example: Michelle had 15 rubber bands. Then she lost 4 of them! How many rubber bands does Michelle have now? *To make it more difficult, have them come up with comparison story problems instead. For example, I have 15 rubber bands. Ashley has 12 rubber bands. How many more rubber bands do I have than Ashley? (To solve, students take the highest amount minus the lower amount to find the difference).*

**Reading Challenge**: We have been identifying the main characters in books and deciding whether they would be a friend we would want to have or not. Have your child read a book, identify the main characters, and write about whether they would want to be friends with them in real life or not. Have them give reasons why they would or would not want to be friends with them.

**Writing Challenge**: Go to [THIS](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/adventure-writing-prompts/) website and have your child spin to create a writing prompt! There are SUPER fun writing prompts here that will allow your child's imagination to run wild while they write! Have your child write a short story using the writing prompt that they got! [www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/adventure-writing-prompts/](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/adventure-writing-prompts/)

**Challenges of the Week**

* I randomly selected 5 student names to ask the parents if they could join us on the zoo field trip. I now have my 5 volunteers for the field trip. We are told we cannot have any more than 5 parents come on the trip with us so that is why we randomly select student names to see who to ask first.
* Reminder to only fill out 1 book a night for the reading logs and to keep those logs in the middle folder of your child’s VIP folder.

**Tech of the Week**

**Website of the Week**: [Read and Listen](http://teacher.scholastic.com/commclub/index.htm) is a great website that Scholastic has, that allows students to have a book read to them or read a book by themselves about different things. This is a great way to tie in Social Studies with their reading.   
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/commclub/index.htm>  
  
**App of the Week:** [Popword](http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/popword/id388352445?mt=8) is a FUN app for all! I actually use this app myself quite a bit. Students find words by pressing on letters that are connected to one another. For the students, I would suggest doing the practice rounds instead of playing an actual game against someone else. Maybe once they get enough practice, see if they would like to challenge themselves by playing someone else! This app is free!