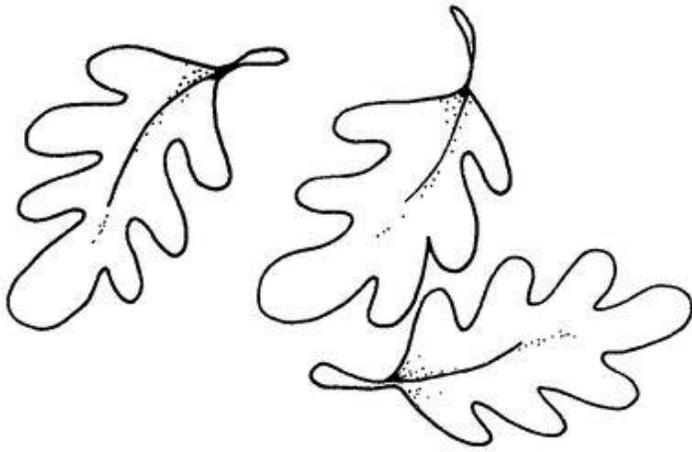


# HAPPY FALL!!!



Classroom News from  
September 23 to 27,  
2019

I brought my own "Show and Tell" on Monday. Yertle the Turtle joined our class for the day, before being released again into my back yard, where he has (apparently) been happily munching on my tomato vines for several weeks now. 😊 We enjoyed discussing the "form and structure" of this animal, as our First Grade science standards dictate. Yertle provided a nice extension from insects (Monarch butterflies and ladybugs) to other animals. We applied the same study as we read about SQUIRRELS later in the week. "Mystery Reader" Mandy Bateman inspired us with her reading of The Secret Life of Squirrels.

We released our ladybugs into our Anchorage garden space on Tuesday morning, and enjoyed a fun "release" party after we said our "good-byes." We made our own ladybug cookies to celebrate, though we were very sad to see them go. We hope they are happily munching on aphids in gardens all over Anchorage - maybe even in YOUR yard!

We have experienced our first "official" EUREKA Math assessment. We took our Mid-Module #1 test on Wednesday. Be sure to go over the corrected test with your child. We were impressed with overall results.

Coming up during the exciting month of October:

- Forms and payment should be in Mrs. Martin's hands BY NEXT FRIDAY for our field trip to Farnsley-Moremén Landing (October 16<sup>th</sup>). This trip is a First Grade favorite!
- School pictures next Tuesday! Wash faces, brush teeth, and comb hair! 😊
- Our very first-ever "Anchor Academy" will occur on Wednesday. Our class will experience their first session of "Art Discovery" (led by parent volunteers) and a program entitled "Captain Current and the Electricity Vampires." Sounds very interesting!!!
- FALL BREAK beginning next Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>
- Parent-teacher conferences will begin following Fall Break.
- APTA Fall Carnival and Halloween Parade take place on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. You should receive more info from our APTA soon.
- Halloween Party on, Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> (without costumes, please!) - Parents in charge of party-planning (per sign-ups at Orientation) include Susan Swint, Gina Miller, and Leslie Lucas.  
\*\*\*Can't believe we are talking about Halloween!!!