Hello First Grade Families!

 Once again we just had another amazing week in the first grade classroom. We have used real life situations, such as the Trout and our conversations about Martin Luther King Jr., to enhance our reading and writing. We have also learned about some social situations, a little bit of history, and we came up with some dreams for not only ourselves, but for Groveton! We are currently helping the GES computer lab by writing a little story. During all of this, our students even were able to finish NWEA testing, and once again, I can say that every 1st graders who took the test improved on their Math NWEA scores.

 Even though it was a short week, in ELA, our students started writing a “How to” book that will be used in our school for the computer lab. We are writing “how to clean up the computer lab” which we plan on passing out to every teacher for their classrooms! We also have been reading some “How To” stories, such as How To Make a Liquid Rainbow, and we are going to try to make one next week. Students also have successfully finished their Word Work, so now students can do their Word Work as a Daily 5 choice! This means that next week, we are implementing the last option of Daily 5: Listen to Reading. Reading groups are also starting up again next week.

 In Math, we have been learning how to count back instead of just counting on when we are doing subtraction. We are also learning about our teen numbers, what it means to be 1 ten and 3 ones (13), and we are still working on our fact fluency to 10. Students are really picking up on their fact fluency to ten, and we are even adding in subtraction now as well.

 In Social Studies, we learned about Dr. King. We talked about segregation, integration, and marching. We made Dream Mobiles, which have our dreams for ourselves, as well as our dreams for Groveton. In Science, we observed our Trout again. The changes that have already happened in the 2 weeks that we have had them are unbelievable. The kids are really enjoying writing in their trout journal about the development of the trout.

 Overall, this week was successful, and we have had a great time! I would suggest to keep doing what I recommended to do in last week’s letter and together we will continue to see a successful year! Have a great, safe, and fun weekend!

Ms. LaCasse

Parent Reminders:

* Grades Close today
* Scholastic Book Order is due 1/30/15
* Report Cards come out next Friday, 1/30/15