

# DCS 1st Grade News

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Calendar and more information found on our 1st Grade page: <http://discovery.schoolwires.net/site/default.aspx?DomainID=16>

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## Special Upcoming Dates:

- Fall Cleanup Mrs. LV  
Butterfly Garden  
October 20th 3:45-4:45pm
- Fall Cleanup  
Ms. Wimpler  
Japanese Garden  
October 22nd 3-4pm
- Late Start  
October 26th
- No School In-service  
October 28th



## Star Student of the Week

**Annabelle**  
**10/17**

**Bronson 10/24**

**Eva 10/17**

**Finnley 10/24**

## Aldo and Fall Cleanup

On Friday DCS 1st Grade went to the Aldo Leopold Nature Center. During our visit the students learned how plants and animals are getting ready for winter. What animals do in winter: adaptation, migration, hibernation and death were covered through the animal puppet show. In the prairie, we saw plants producing seeds and bringing their nutrients back into the ground. There were many birds flying through the prairie eating the seeds. Most students said that the pond dipping was their favorite part of the trip. They walked out onto a small dock and used a small net to collect a sample which they carried back to the observation table. During our observation, the groups were able to identify a damselfly nymph, dragonfly nymph and water scorpion. At school, the students wrote about their experiences in their nature journal. Thank you to all the parents who helped with the trip!

This week is the DCS Fall Cleanup. This year each class will be working in a different garden at a different time. First grade dates, times and locations are listed under upcoming dates. If your family is unable to attend the fall cleanup time scheduled for your class you are welcome to help another class. The schedule for all DCS classes can be found on the calendar on the first grade webpage. Please bring garden clippers, rakes and gloves to the cleanup.

Thank you to all the families that came to fall conferences! Thank you for everything you do at home to support your child's learning, Thank you to all the families who supported DCS at Culver's night and volunteered to help! We appreciate it! Remember, when your student is superstar you are welcome to come in to read and have lunch@12:05.

## Reading Groups

Yeah! We are very happy that we are done practicing each of our 26 letters in the alphabet! We have been practicing switching stations for listening to reading, meeting with teacher at the table, and working with words, and read to self. We will start reading groups this week. We will not send home books over the weekend unless you request them to come home, but we will send home their Songs and Chants. Please send back their books every day to school so they have them to work with in their reading groups the next day as with their songs and chants. We read poems/songs every day to build our reading expression and fluency as well as build our vocabulary. Have your student read their favorites to you or read them together. Look for them this Friday.