# First Grade

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# **Book Reviews & Authors**

Little Rabbit's Tale -

In the folktale Little Rabbit, first graders read about a rabbit that warns all her friends that the forest is falling (Note: Mr. Cole will be reading "Chicken Little" next week for obvious reasons). Animal humor will also be explored in Silly Poems, by Langston Hughes. Now, ask your child this question, "What makes a story funny?"

### Comprehension:

Cause & Effect

Infer / Predict

### Spelling (3/8):

five, time, like, dime, ride, nine, my, by

### Words to Know:

because, blue, into, or, other, small

# FRESH OFF THE NEWSWIRE

- Reader of the Week

  March 11th TBD
- Quarter End
  March 27<sup>th</sup>
- No School

  March 28<sup>th</sup>

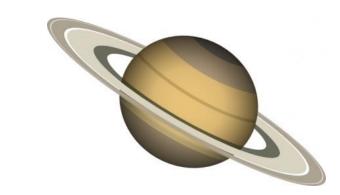


# **Math & Science Frontiers**

Our Solar System -

Cole's class is beginning investigation of the cosmos, more specifically, our Solar System. The class will participate in a brief survey of The Inner Planets (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars) and eventually move beyond The Asteroid Belt and focus on The Gas Giants (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune). There will also be some debate about the status of Pluto as a planet, in respect to recent research. As the unit approaches a conclusion, each student will be asked to present a report to the class. Mr. Cole will be helping your child write and edit the report, but you can help get the creative juices flowing by asking this question ...

"What would you like to know about space?"



# **Quote of the Week**

It is not easy to be crafty and winsome at the same time, and few accomplish it after the age of six.

~ John W. Gardner