

First Grade Newsletter February 2018

Oh how time flies! It is February already! February is a month that is filled with special days. First of all, it is Dental Health Month so we will learn a little about our teeth and how to take care of them. We will also learn a little about Presidents Lincoln and Washington. Valentine's Day is this month. We will not have a Valentine's Day party, but the children may bring valentines to exchange on Tuesday February 14th. Everyone needs to bring in a valentine's box or bag for their valentines. This does not need to be elaborate, just something to hold their stuff. A class I list can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Here's what I am planning to teach this month:

Math: This month's new topics include: doubles plus one facts, adding two-digit numbers (without regrouping), congruent shapes, counting large collections, grouping by 10's, trading pennies for dimes, telling time to the $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, dividing a square into fourths, adding 10 to a number, counting by 10's from a single-digit number, ordering numbers to 100, counting by 100's, identifying a missing addend, and sums of 10, drawing congruent shapes and designs, and measuring and drawing line segments to the nearest inch

Religion: Chapter 12: Families Share Life and Love (no test over this chapter), Chapter 13: Jesus Calls Apostles, and Chapter 14: Jesus Shows God's Love

Science: Chapter 2 is about habitats. Students will discover how habitats are alike and different. They will learn how the needs of plants and animals are met in their habitats.

Social Studies: Unit 2 is called "Where People Live" and we will learn about many things including state and country, types of land and water in our country, using maps, globes, using and saving natural resources, and how weather affects people.

Reading /English /Phonics: We are currently in Unit 4. We will focus on long vowels. The children are learning about patterns that long vowel words usually have. We will also cover the –ed ending, ch, th, sh, wh, medial consonants and compound words. We will continue to learn about nouns, verbs, and adjectives, and how to write a friendly letter. We are also working on writing paragraphs.

Spelling:

Jan. 29-Feb. 2	Unit 19
Feb. 5-9	Unit 20
Feb. 12-16	Unit 21
Feb. 20-23	Unit 22
Feb. 26--Mar. 2	Unit 23

Please be sure your child is reading one AR book each week. I expect each child to take one test per week. All of the tests your child takes MUST be on their level. I have students wanting to take tests that are way too easy, and students wanting to take tests that are way too hard. If kids are reading books that are the appropriate level, they become better readers. All students that meet their AR goal in the 3rd quarter will get a NUT day, shoes off, and to bring a toy for recess. The goal for the 3rd quarter is to pass 8 tests.

Class list for valentines: Brady, Walt, Roan, Anderson, Emily D, Brayden, Nicholas, Brenna, Lillian, Elliot, Emily S, Ty, Kiefer, Emoree, and Miriam.

Thank you for your support and have a great month!
Don't forget to send in your tabs!