

February Newsletter



**Mrs. Everett's First Grade
2018-19**



First Grade News

Writer's Workshop

During writer's workshop, we will continue to practice the steps of writing (plan, draft, revise, edit, publish) and our focus will continue to be on informational writing. Students chose to learn and research all about a topic of their choice. Stu-

dents will write a report based on what they learned.

We have had lots of kiddos receive their Writer's Licenses for publishing their first piece of writing. I love their smiles and how proud they are of themselves. If you

haven't checked lately, go to our Facebook page to see the latest celebrations.

Reader's Workshop

I am so proud to share how awesome each and everyone of the students is doing in reading!! The use of a variety of

reading strategies, fluency, and expression have really blossomed! We recently cleaned out book boxes and I LOVE how

they don't want to give up some of their favorite books!! Puts a big smile on my face to see them excited about reading!!

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb. 5: 100th Day of School
- Feb. 14: Valentine's Party 1:30 pm
- Feb. 15 & 18: NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 20: Carnival Donations Due
- Feb. 28: Carnival
- Mar. 2: Read Across America Day
- Mar. 14: Parent Conferences/Early Release
- Mar. 15: NO SCHOOL



Math

In math, we will continue to practice and review all we have learned up to this point during morning work and calendar time. During the math lessons, our focus has been counting and number patterns to 120. This includes skip counting by 10's and ordering numbers no matter

where the starting digit is. If your child is still unable to write their numbers to 120 or unable to fill in the missing number, then this is something you can practice with them at home.

We have also been working on to the topic "Tens

and Ones." We are pretty good at counting and creating tens and ones and adding using tens and ones. We are currently using base ten blocks to add AND subtract.

Content

We have covered many things recently during content. From learning about Martin Luther King Jr. and other Famous African Americans, Ground Hogs Day, and will begin

to focus on Presidents and Dental Health next.

Have you asked your child what they learned at school today?

Spring Conferences

Spring conferences are meant for teachers to meet with parents of students who are working below the grade level expectations in reading, writing, or math. I will

be in contact with those parents I would like to meet with. If your child is currently proficient/



advanced in all areas you do not need to schedule a conference. However, if you would like to meet with me anyway, please feel free to contact me to set up a time.

Carnival

Our classroom is putting together a collection of Arts and Craft items to donate to the Carnival Basket Auction. Please help by donating any of the following items.

Suggested items (but not limited to):

Sketch pads, coloring books, water color paint, finger paint, clay, markers, crayons, glue, slime kits, art kits, pom-poms, glitter, colored pencils, washi tape, stickers, stencils, stamps, stapler, sidewalk chalk, paint brushes, pipe cleaners, etc.

We will also need some type of basket to put it all into.

All donations need to be sent to school no later than Friday, Feb. 20th. Please help fill our basket!!

Be watching for more information about the carnival.

Valentine's Party, Boxes, and Cards

Our Valentine's party is quickly approaching. On Friday, February 9th, we will be exchanging valentines. The project is to design a valentine's box. Please be as creative as you would like and use any materials necessary. This is a family homework assignment that is **due on Monday, February 11th**. Have fun and keep in mind that First, Second, and Third place prizes will be awarded for creativity!!!!!!

It is time to get Valentine cards ready to handout to your classmates!!!!!! Please label a valentine card for each student in our

classroom. A class list will be sent home soon. It is very important for each student to use their own handwriting to write who the valentine goes to and who it is from. **All valentines and Valentine boxes are due on Monday, February 11th!**

Our Valentine party is on Thursday, February 14th beginning at 1:30 pm. As always, you are cordially invited to attend. We can use all hands on deck to help with the craft, snack, and game activities.

Our parties have been a huge

success thanks to your participation. Reminder that all party donations are due February 11th, so that I can have everything prepped and ready for a fun time.