

Newsletter



**Mrs. Everett's First Grade
2017-18**



First Grade News

Reader's Workshop

We are getting back into the swing of things. The first few days back we will just read some quick stories and focus on identifying and answering questions about the main idea, prediction, and sequencing. We will then turn some of our

focus towards more non-fiction texts and what information we learn from them. Although these books may be at your child's ability level, they can present some challenge when it comes to tricky words. All in all our goal for reading non-fiction

text will be to learn that the purpose of reading is to understand meaning and to learn information that we can share with others. We will also continue to read fiction books, as well.

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.

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January 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Jan. 15: No School for MLK Day
- Jan 24: 100th Day of School (as long as there are no snow days)
- Feb. 5: Valentine box and valentines due
- Feb. 9: Valentines Party @ 1:30 pm
- Feb. 16-19: No School (19th possible make up day)



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 next focus will be on subtraction fluency to 20. We will be learning and practicing a variety of strategies to guide us

in learning how to subtract. Please be sure to practice this at home, as well.

Famous African Americans

During the month of January, we will be studying Famous African Americans to learn and understand the breadth of black heritage and the accomplishments achieved. Any input you may have to help make these history lessons empowering are always welcomed.

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 5th**. 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 im-

portant 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 5th!**

100th Day of School

We will celebrate our 100th day of school on Jan. 24th!!! Yay!!

We will spend the day reviewing skills we've

learned so far with fun and exciting activities!!

We will also make necklaces out of 100 fruit loops. YUM!! If you would

like to donate a box of fruit loops for this, donations are needed by Jan. 22nd.





Valentine's Party

Please sign up to bring an item for our party
Friday, February 9th at 10:30 am

SNACK: Sugar Cookies, Juice Boxes

- Christy Ballance: 24 Sugar Cookies
- Victoria Barker: 2 Containers of Pink Icing
- Kim McMahon: 2 Containers of White Icing
- Kelly Pugh: 1 Container of Valentine Sprinkles
- Jena Shaw: 1 Container of Valentine Sprinkles
- Kari Downs: Plates and Napkins
- Krystal Shelden: 24 Plastic Spoons
- Julie Whitaker: Juice Boxes (24)



GAME: Marshmallow Swap

- Brooke Fieth: 24 Straws
- Kali Baldwin: Heart Shaped Marshmallows (5 bags)
- Jena Shaw: 24 Small Paper Plates
- _____ : 24 small cups



CRAFT: Paper Plate Heart Sewing

- Michelle Hall: 24 Small Red Paper Plates
- _____ : Pink Yarn

