



Weekly News from First Grade

2-26-18 to 3-2-18



Math	<p>Calendar Routines (Counting the number of days in school, number words, word story problems, using a calendar)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Practice counting to 120 starting at any number *Understand that the two digits of a two-digit number represent amounts of tens and ones. *10 can be thought of as a bundle of ten ones (called a "ten") *The numbers 10 - 90 refer to one - nine tens *Add within 100 using concrete models or drawings based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between +/- *Subtract multiples of 10 in the range of 10-90, using concrete models or drawings based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between +/-; explain the reasoning used *Add within 100 using concrete models or drawings based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between +/-
Reading Focus	<p>Reading Strategy: Comprehension Strategy Focus - Questioning and Determining Importance</p> <p>Students will learn about inspiring individuals and apply these qualities in their own lives.</p>
Word Study	<p>Difference between short and long vowel sounds. Upper and lowercase letters Discuss letters, words, sentences Long i patterns (ie, igh, y)</p>
Word Wall Words	<p>Review week due to the short school week!</p>
Writing Focus	<p>Simple declarative (telling) sentences Interrogative (asking) sentences Beginning capital letter Ending punctuation mark Spaces between words "I" by itself is always capitalized Complete sentences Informative Writing: Biographies Paragraph structure- Topic sentence, details, conclusion</p>

Just a quick reminder, our school day begins at 9:05. Please have your children here before that time so that they can be ready for the day!

***Please remember to send a nutritious, non-messy snack with your child everyday! Due to life threatening allergies, it is essential that NO PRODUCTS CONTAIN TREE NUTS OR PEANUTS DURING SNACK TIME!!!!**

During the winter, we will go outside for recess if the wind chill index is at five (5) degrees or above. The wind chill report will be obtained from the National Weather Service. Students are expected to dress appropriately for recess with hats, gloves, boots and winter coats. Snow pants and boots are also required to play in the snow. All students participate in recess unless a doctor's note is provided to school. Bad weather and black top conditions dictate the frequency of indoor recesses.

McCarty School "Cool Tool" of this past Week (2-19-18): Dress for the Weather, Leave Snow on the Ground, Playground/Blacktop Behavior. Next week's "Cool Tool" (2-26-18) will be: Dress for the weather

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Special Events/Information:

Thursday, 3/1: Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-8pm

Friday, 3/2: Institute Day

Monday, March 12: First Grade Family Night: "Brilliant Biographies"

Writing Note - The First Grade Team has decided to put extra emphasis on writing at this time of the year. We are finding that students are not using proper capitalization, spacing between words, or punctuation. This makes it very difficult to reach our target of writing a 5 sentence paragraph. While we may be doing more writing in class, we are hoping to have your assistance with writing at home as well. Some nights we will be sending home writing practice in lieu of math homework. Please focus on:

- proper letter formation
- correct spelling of word wall words
- capitalization
- finger spaces between words
- punctuation

Also note that the students should be able to write 4 sequential sentences at this time of year. We appreciate your home support!