



February First Grade News

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February Celebration

On Valentine's Day we will have our last class party. It will be on Tuesday, February 14th from 2:15—3:15 PM. Each classroom will be making boxes or bags to hold their Valentines. Look for a class list to come home soon. It is great practice to have your child write their friends' names neatly and correctly on the envelopes!

Thank you for helping make all our parties so special!



Upcoming Events

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| February 1 | Genovese/Krueger to Museum
Wear 1st Grade Shirt
Bring Sack Lunch and Drink
Early Dismissal |
| February 2 | Harman/Rooney to Museum
Wear 1st Grade Shirt
Bring Sack Lunch and Drink
K-2 Skate Night 6—8 PM |
| February 10 | Mid-terms Home |
| February 14 | Valentine's Party |
| February 16 | NO SCHOOL
Parent Teacher Conferences |
| February 17 | NO SCHOOL |
| February 20 | NO SCHOOL
(Professional Learning Day) |
| February 29 | Early Dismissal 3PM |

Library Time

Every Thursday 1st Graders get to go to the library to check out books. Please be sure to return library books each Thursday. A "Hip Hip Hooray" is earned when all books are in on time! The class with the most "Hip Hip Hoorays" each quarter earns a library party!



What have we been learning?

Reading/Writing: We have begun our fourth reading basal. The stories becoming longer and more difficult. This month we will continue to focus on reading comprehension, fluency and expression. We continue to learn new word attack skills and are introducing long vowels. Suffixes, pronouns, and contractions are just some of the skills we will be practicing. The children are required to read and take Accelerated Reader (AR) tests (a minimum of one per week) by Friday of each week. This promotes reading comprehension in a fun and rewarding way.

Phonics: The children have participated in over 90 phonics lessons this year! Their skills are growing by leaps and bounds! With the introduction of long vowels, the vowel team pattern is being studied. This is the fourth of six spelling patterns that will be learned this year. This knowledge can be applied to both reading and spelling words.

Math: First grade has worked hard learning to tell time to the hour and half hour. Another goal is to learn to identify and count like groups of coins. Math groups will be used to teach and learn this skill at the child's current level to help them reach grade level mastery. We are also preparing for our district-wide math assessment coming up in March.!

Science/Social Studies: In February the students will be learning about presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Maps and globes will be explored as well. February is Dental Health Month. Dr. Eric Johnson, from the Gage Dental Group, will be coming to talk and sing to us about dental health!

Under Construction! - While new classrooms are being added to our school, playground space is limited. Student safety is top priority! Children need to pay attention to instructions, follow all directions and be understanding during this time of change. They are really enjoying the new playground equipment! Thank you Indian Hills PTO! ☺

