

January News from the A & W room.

January 18, 2012

Theme News/Community Days



During January our Community days have centered around the stories of The Mitten and The Hat, Penguins and Chinese New Year. All of the students love Community days and look forward to Wednesdays each week. They are learning a lot of new information to share with others.

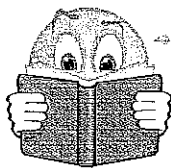
In February we look forward to 100 day, as we celebrate the 100th day in school with math, reading and art activities.



Other themes in the classroom for January are staying healthy, Martin Luther King Jr., a coat of many colors, and winter/snow.



READING



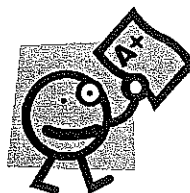
Kinders are headed through the alphabet for the second time with emphasis on the sounds of the letters this time. They are making lots of new words. Each week they will learn a new family and make a list of words to practice. We are adding words to the word wall and are using them to make sentences. As Kinders are ready we will start them in AR (Accelerated Reading) books.

First graders are doing a great job reading AR books. Most are taking tests daily. Keep up the good work. Share sheets will continue to be sent home on Fridays. They are reading other books and basal stories too.

MATH

Kinders have been learning about patterns, symmetrical shapes and 2D shapes. Please continue to practice counting by 1s, 5s, and 10s to 100 and writing the numerals to 20.

First graders are working on place value. They have to decide what digit is in the 1s, 10s or 100s place. We are using base 10 blocks for adding 2 digit numbers. They continue to take 2 minute math drills for addition. They must complete and score 100% for 30 problems before moving up to the next level. Memorization of facts is necessary



We are completing assessment this week for report cards. No school on Monday, Jan. 23rd as it is a scheduled workshop day to complete report cards which will be sent home on Wed., Jan. 25th.

Winter wear—please help your child learn to get all of their winter wear on by themselves. By the time we get to 29 kids, recess is over. A second pair of socks and mittens would be helpful too.

P.T.O. Meeting—Tuesday, January 24th - 6:30 p.m.