



## Fantastic First Graders

**Reading** This week our texts are Animal Groups and Animal Picnic.

**Genre** Informational text and a play.

**Target skill** Cause and effect

**Grammar** The verb be

**Vocabulary Strategies**

Suffixes -er & -est



**Spelling** We continue to work on more long vowels. This week our focus is long i. (CVCe). I like to refer to it as "i magic e". The "e" at the end makes the vowel say its name. This is a hard concept for the kids, and they will need a lot of practice! We will play magic e slides and ladders, finding long i words in books, do word sorts, white board spelling and unscrambling sentences.

**Spelling words this week:** time, like, kite, bike, white, drive, stripe, mice

**Our challenge words are:** twice, sunshine, timeline

**High Frequency Words (sight/trick words):** bird, fly, those, both, long, walk, eyes, or

**Fundations:** We will take our Foundations unit 7 test on these glued sounds: -ank, -ink, -onk, -unk, -ang, -ing, -ong, -ung and suffix s.

**Math** We will learn about greater than, less than, equal & not equal and learn the appropriate symbols. I always refer to it as a crocodile mouth along with the proper name. The point always goes towards the smallest number (less than) and the large opening is where you write the greater number.  $>$   $<$   $=$   $\neq$

We will, also, be working on understand he pattern of the numbers in the 120 chart.

**Writing:** We will be learning about Kwanzaa and writing about the holidays around the world.

### Holiday Party Information

Our holiday party will be on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:35 – 12:40. The room parent will be contacting you in regards to supplies and volunteering. **Thank you so much in advance!**

### Upcoming Experts

Dec. 16 – Christmas Traditions – Evie

Jan. 7 – Earth and Space – Easton

Jan. 13 – Martin Luther King Jr. – Trae

Jan. 27 – Healthy Body - Jynesis

*\*All of the information on becoming an expert is posted on my website with details. If you have further questions, let me know.*

### Spirit Week will be Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>

**Monday** – A Cozy Winter Day (wear your winter PJ's, slippers, and blankets)

**Tuesday** – Winter Character Day (dress as a winter character: Olaf, The Grinch, Frosty, Elf, Penguin)

**Wednesday** – Winter Blizzard Day (wear ALL white clothing for a whiteout)

**Thursday** – Riggs Winter Day (wear your Jingle Jog shirt, Riggs clothing or colors)

### Important Dates to Remember

- Week of Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – Spirit Week (see above)
- Wed., Dec. 18 – Winter Party, 11:35-12:40
- Thurs. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Jingle Jog 9:45, Last day for students
- Fri., Dec. 20 – Jan. 6 Winter Break
- Tues., Jan. 7 – Students return to school
- Mon., Jan. 20 – No School
- Fri., Jan. 31 – Boosterthon Fun Run 9 am

### Have a great week

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**January Birthdays**

BJ – Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>

