



February 10, 2020

Mrs. Dafoe's



# Fantastic First Graders

**Reading** This week our texts are "The Garden" from Frog and Toad Together and Garden Good Guys.

**Genre** Fantasy & Informational text

**Target skill** Story Structure & analyze

**Vocabulary Strategies** Prefix re-



**Spelling** This week we study controlled vowel **ar** words. We will highlight words in books, play spelling battleship, do word sorts, white board spelling and unscrambling sentences.

**Spelling words this week:** far, arm, yard, art, jar, bar, barn, bark, card, yarn

- It is important your child can remember these spelling words and write them correctly for all of their writing, not just for the spelling test.

**Our challenge words are:** smart, chart, garden

**High Frequency Words (sight/trick words)**

few, window, shall, night, noise, world, loudly, story

**Foundations** We continue on unit 10

- Blending and reading words with five sounds (+ suffix -s)
- Segmenting and spelling words with five sounds (+ suffix-s)
- Words with suffix -s used as action words vs. plurals

Some words we'll practice include: splash, drinks, straps, brings

**Math**

Last week and this week we will focus on story problems using the CUBES method. This is a method to look at the problems to determine if they need to add or subtract and slow down to make sure they are actually answering the question asked. We took a pre-test at the start of the year and they made tremendous growth already in problem solving. I am excited to see how they do after this week.

**Writing**

I will be pulling Valentine's Day into my writing curriculum this week. They will practice using conventions. 1st graders are expected to write at least 7

sentences by now. They are also using dictionaries and our word wall to reference words they can't spell.

**Friendship Party**

**Friday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:35- 12:40 Please** don't forget to send your child's Valentine's in and any donations that you may have. You can find a class list on our site. **Please let me know if you need assistance in getting Valentine's. We had some donations. I would love for everyone to participate.**

**Conferences**

Don't forget, parent teacher conferences are this week, Tuesday and Wednesday. All of you have already signed up on the website or you were assigned a time. I look forward to meeting with you! Please note that **Wed. Feb. 12 & Thurs. Feb 13 are 1/2 days of school early release is at 11:40 am**

**Valentine parent homework**

Please don't forget your "love letter" homework you were encouraged to write to your child! This was sent home more than a month ago. If you haven't sent it in yet, please send it in ASAP. The kids will be opening them all week during the day as time permits. I will be saving them for your child's scrapbook. 😊



**Upcoming Experts**

- Feb. 18- Animal Habitats – Sawyer
- Feb. 24 – Egypt – Derek
- March 2 – Dr. Seuss – Savannah
- March 30 – Plants – Lauren
- April 6- Butterflies - Kylie

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

**Important Dates to Remember**

- Feb. 10 – Art Masterpiece/Sub for Mrs. Dafoe
- Feb. 12 & 13- Conferences- 1/2 days
- Feb. 14 – Friendship Party 11:35-12:40
- Feb. 17 – No School/Presidents Day
- Feb. 20 – Spring Picture Day
- Feb. 21 – Field Trip permission slip due (more info. to come)

- March 2 – Art Masterpiece
- March 4 – Field Trip to Children's Museum
- March 6 – Grandparents Breakfast

**Have a SUPER week!**

~Mrs. Wendy Dafoe~

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