



January 8, 2019
Mrs. Dafoe's



Fantastic First Graders

Welcome Back! Happy 2019!

I hope all of you had a wonderful, relaxing holiday break. I sure did! I missed the kids and am excited to see them and start 3rd quarter. I have a lot of fun learning planned. The curriculum is getting harder so I encourage you to please continue doing math facts at home regularly; addition and subtraction, 0-20 as well as have your child read daily. Always ask your child questions about what they read. The goal is making sure they comprehend what they read* Please fill in the reading logs that are in your child's homework packets.

THANK YOU Thank you so much for the holiday gifts that were given to me as well as the parent help during our 1st grade holiday party. I am overwhelmed with your support and generosity. I appreciate your kindness!

Reading This week our texts are Let's Go to the Moon! And Mae Jemison.

Genre Informational text and biography.

Target skill Main idea and details & author's purpose

Grammar Questions

Vocabulary Strategies
Suffixes -y, -ful

Spelling We continue to work on more long vowels. This week our focus is long o. (CV & CVCe). We will play spelling battleship, finding long a words in books, do word sorts, white board spelling and unscrambling sentences.

Spelling words this week: so, go, home, hole, no, rope, joke, bone, stove, poke

- 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: snowglobe, wrote, chooses

High Frequency Words (sight/trick words): around, because, before, bring, carry, light, show, and think.

Foundations We are starting unit 8. During this 2 week unit, we'll be focusing on consonant blends, digraph blends as well as r controlled vowels. Some of the blends include sl, fl, st, pr, br, cl, pl R controlled vowels include ar, or, er, ir and ur.

100th Day! On Jan. 16th, we will celebrate 100th day. I have a whole day of great activities planned! **I am asking that everyone brings in 100 small stickers for an activity that we will be doing.** Please let me know if this is a problem.

Math We are starting our unit on collecting and organizing data. We will be working on writing and reading tally marks, creating pictographs and reading and analyzing pictographs next week.

Writing We will be working on writing main idea and details of informational writing, write about our winter break, and work on writing questions. 😊 Busy, busy, busy!

PLEASE check my website for our classroom calendar which includes volunteer times, snacks, etc.

January Birthdays

Kenzie – 25th
Catherine – 29th



Upcoming Experts

Jan. 8th – Earth and Space – Red
Jan. 22nd – Food Groups – Charlie
Jan. 28th – Healthy Body – Reese
Feb. 4th – Dental Hygiene - Zia

**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

Jan. 8 – Students return to school
Jan. 16 – 100th day of school (need 100 small stickers)
Jan. 21 – No School – MLK Day
Jan. 31 – Family Learning Night 5-7 pm
Jan. 24 – Boosterthon Kick off
Feb. 1 – Boosterthon Fun Run
Feb. 11 – Art Masterpiece
Feb. 12 & 13 – Conferences - 1/2 days
Feb. 14 – Friendship Party 11:35-12:30
Feb. 18 – No School/Presidents Day
Feb 20 – Spring Picture Day

Have a super week!

~Mrs. Wendy Dafoe~

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