



January 31, 2021

Mrs. Dafoe's

Fantastic First Graders



Substitute Please note that our class will have a substitute on Wednesday, February 2nd and possibly on Thursday, February 3rd. I am the English Language Coordinator for Riggs. I will be in the building testing our students who speak another language for the state required test. I am going to try to finish all students on Wednesday...fingers crossed. Please note I will not be available to answer or read emails...if you need to get a message to your child, please contact the front office.

Reading This week our featured stories are Little Rabbit's Tale & Silly Poems.

Genre Folktale & Poetry

Target skill Cause & Effect

Vocabulary Strategies

Compound Words

Spelling This week we will work on compound words.

Spelling words this week: bedtime, sunset, bathtub, sailboat, flagpole, backpack, playpen, rain coat, inside, himself.

*I know I keep mentioning this, but a lot of kids are memorizing the words and getting them correct on their tests. However, they are not spelling correctly during other writing times. 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.

Challenge words homemade, rowboat, lunchtime

High Frequency Words (sight/trick words): door, more, mother, old, try, use, want, wash

Fundations- 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

We'll practice words such as: shrimp, plant, crunch, blast and many more!

Math We are starting to work on telling time! The kids need to know to the hour and half hour as well as elapsed time on analog clocks and digital clocks.

Science This week we will be learning about light!

Valentine's Day Our "Friendship Party" will be on Monday, Feb. 14th. If you want to send in Valentine cards for your child to pass out, I have posted a class list on our website so you know the names of all the kids. Again, this is optional. If you need assistance in purchasing Valentines please let me know. If you would be willing to donate a 23 boxes of candy hearts, a bag of candy hearts, or a special Valentine snack (example: Little Debbie's heart cakes), please let me know.

Upcoming Experts

- Jan. 31 – Groundhog Day – Talia
- Feb. 7 – Presidents Day – Genesis
- Feb. 22 – Dental Health – Ethan
- Feb. 28 – Ancient Egypt – Aubriana
- March 7 – Plants – Aria
- April 4 – Butterflies - Mia

**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. 1 – Running Club race
- Feb. 2 & maybe 3 - Substitute
- Feb. 7 - Parent Valentine Letter Due
- Feb. 9 & 10 – ½ days – Parent Teacher Conferences, early release 11:40 am
- Feb. 14 – Class Friendship Party
- Feb. 16 – Spring Picture Day
- Feb. 21 – No School – Presidents' Day
- Feb. 22 – Running Club Race
- Feb. 23 – Boosterthon Kick-off
- March 4 – Boosterthon Fun Run
- Week of March 7th – Student Council Spirit Week (more info. to come)



February Birthdays

- Aubriana – 6th
- Jireh – 12th
- Jameson – 18th

Parents, don't forget your Valentine homework letters are due Monday, Feb. 7th.



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