



January 10, 2022

Mrs. Dafoe's



Fantastic First Grade

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, Jan. 17th in observance of MLK day!

Will you be returning to Riggs? In order for us to project class sizes next school year, 2022-23 and to plan for the needs of our students, **PLEASE** complete the online [Student Intent to Return Form](#) by 4:00 p.m. February 11, 2022. The Student Intent to Return Form **MUST** be completed for **EVERY** student in kindergarten through 5th grade.

www.cusd80.com/IntentToReturn

Thank you for completing the Student Intent to Return Form for the 2022-23 school year.

Reading This week our texts are The Big Trip and Lewis and Clark's Big Trip.

Genre Fantasy and Informational text

Target skill Compare and Contrast and Visualize

Grammar Compound Sentences

Vocabulary Strategies

Define Words

Spelling We continue to work on more long vowels. This week our focus is **long e**. (ea, e, e_e, ee). We will highlight words in books, play spelling battleship, do word sorts, white board spelling and unscrambling sentences. *There are various different ways to spell **long e** so any extra practice you do at home with be **VERY** helpful!

Spelling words this week: me, be, read, feet, tree, keep, eat, mean, sea, these

- 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 street, please, and meatball

High Frequency Words (sight/trick words): about, by, car, could, don't, maybe, sure, there.

FUNdations skills: We continue to work on consonant blends, diagraph blends as well as r controlled vowels. We will work on words such as milk, shrug, dress, just, stuff, press, pinch, brags, vest, etc.



Social Studies We will learn how important Martin Luther King, Jr. is to our history! The kids will write their own "I have a Dream" papers. These are always fun to read. I also have a lot of non-fiction books about MLK so they kids can choose them to read in class!



100th Day is on Friday! I have a whole day of great activities planned! Please make sure your child brings in the 100 small stickers for our math lesson no later than Monday, Jan. 10th! 😊 (I sent a note and email home last week)

Math This week we finish our unit on graphing. ****Some of these graphs/questioning requires a lot of higher order thinking strategies. It's easier for the kids when they can recall quick math facts 0-20. Please continue to practice these! Any extra help with be appreciated!**

Donation Request

- Conversation heart candy for math and language centers

Upcoming Experts

Jan. 10 – Martin Luther King, Jr. – Colton

Jan. 18 – American Symbols – Dean

Jan. 24 – Healthy Body – Jireh

Jan. 31 – Groundhog Day - Talia

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



January Birthdays

Mia – Jan. 17th



Dates to Remember

- Dec. 17 – Jan. 3 Winter Intersession
- Jan. 4 – Return to school
- Jan. 17 – No school -MLK Day
- Jan. 21 – Mother Son Night of Fun
- Feb. 9 & 10 – 1/2 days – Parent Teacher Conferences
- Feb. 16 – Spring Picture Day

Have a great week

~Mrs. Wendy Dafoe~

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