



# CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER



January 4, 2016

## PHONICS/READING

In phonics we are working on *ee, ea, ou, ow, -tion, and -ture*. We will work on these sounds in our phonics readers, "The Clean Team" and "Big Hound's Lunch". The story in our anthology is "Jamaica Louise James". We are working on the strategy of inference and a comprehension skill review.

High frequency words are **believe, lady, and whole**. Vocabulary words are: **booth**, a small room or compartment, usually with an opening  
**plaque**, a flat plate or slab with words and decorations that is displayed on a wall  
**station**, a stopping place; a subway station is where the subway stops  
**subway**, an underground train token, a piece of metal, like a coin, used to get into a certain place

Please have your child read at least 75 minutes a week. Children are to return their reading logs and folders for checking the first day of each week. Please continue to work on the Dolch words. The Dolch words are high frequency words that children need to learn to help them read fluently.

## SPELLING

Lesson 16 "Jamaica Louise James"

Wednesday's test

**be because before clean eat feel  
green keep mean people please  
read the tree we \*stream \*steep  
\*\*answer \*\*eye \*\*sports**

Friday's test

1. We like to ride bikes in the large state park.
2. I feel the mean people will keep the green tree.

**3. We want to clean the stream because we read this book.**

**4. Please eat before we go up the steep hill.**

Please practice for these tests. You may visit this website and practice this week's spelling words, <http://www.spellingcity.com/view-spelling-list.html?listId=36308> Please practice for these tests.

## MATH

In math we will review strategies for solving addition problems, with emphasis on problems having three addends; write number models to summarize addition and subtraction number stories; provide experiences with collecting, sorting, tallying, and graphing data; collect data and tabulate it in a tally chart; solve 2-digit addition and subtraction problems within number stories; discuss solution strategies for subtraction of 2-digit numbers; and develop readiness for multiplication; We will have a money test on Monday, a number facts test on Tuesday and Thursday, a renaming in addition quiz on Tuesday, a clock test on Wednesday, and a concepts quiz on Friday. Please practice these skills. There will be a homelink assignment every day except Friday.

## PRINTING/ENGLISH

In printing we are working on proper formation, spacing, and neatness. In English we are working on guide words, nouns that change spelling in plural form, and writing to persuade. Children are required to use proper punctuation in all of their work.

## SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE

In social studies we are discussing pictographs and cooperative work. We will



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begin a new unit in science, "The Sun and Its Family". We will discuss how the Sun shines on the Earth, that the Sun is a star that gives Earth heat and light, and how the Earth rotates on its axis and how this rotation causes day and night. Science vocabulary for this unit is: **rotate**, **axis**, **Sun**, **orbit**, and **equator**.

### CLASSROOM PROJECTS

We continue to receive gingerbread people. We have displayed our "snow" cards on our back bulletin board and our gingerbread people in the hall by our gingerbread stories.

### COMPUTER PROJECTS

Your child may wish to visit our collection of numerous kid-friendly educational web sites that we use during computer time on Fridays. The url is <http://www.portaportal.com> You may login under guest as class7 to view the various websites.

### SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS

Monday - Gym  
Tuesday - Music  
Wednesday- Intervention  
Wednesday- Cultural Exchange  
Thursday - Library  
January 14 - End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks  
January 15 - Records/Inservice Day - No School for students  
January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School  
February 15 - President's Day - No School  
February 17 - Parent-Teacher Conferences  
- 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
February 25 - Parent-Teacher Conferences  
- 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.

### FROM THE TEACHER'S DESK

We would like to express a special thank you to everyone who sent in items and/or helped with the Winter Party. The children had a wonderful time.

Please remember to look at the papers your child brings home in his/her blue folder. Praise your child for good marks and help him/her improve any weak areas. Please keep the graded papers, sign the weekly report sheet in the clear pocket, and return the folder and sheet in the clear pocket to school as soon as possible. Papers marked with an I or Inc. should be corrected and returned.

The weekly homework/hometask assignment is due Friday, January 14th. It is a research assignment about the state symbols of Ohio.

Please send your child's lunch/lunch money in an envelope with his/her name on it and Mrs. Gray. This helps the children move through the line quicker and gives them a little longer to eat.

Please make sure your child dresses for the weather. On cold, snowy days your child will need a heavy coat, gloves, hat and/or hood, and boots.

If you have any ideas, concerns, questions, etc. please write me a note, call (school - 466-4831 ext. 6001), or e-mail (school - [roberta.gray@neomin.org](mailto:roberta.gray@neomin.org)).  
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