



CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER



January 11, 2016

PHONICS/READING

In phonics we are working on *ee*, *ea*, *ou*, *ow*, and *oo*. We will be completing our Unit 3 Reading Tests this week.

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

We will have a practice spelling word test on Tuesday, a word test on Wednesday, and a sentence test on Thursday. Children who receive a 100% on the Tuesday practice test (including the challenge words) will not have to take the Wednesday word test. Everyone takes the sentence test on Thursday.

Wednesday's Test- Lesson 17 "Theme 3 Review" Words Test

be chase eat found frown
mouse play please sail sheep
teach teeth than train tray
tree wash we when which

*around *lunch *snail *steep
*whistle

Bonus words are each worth 2 extra points on the word test.

Thursday's Test- Lesson 17 "Theme 3 Review Sentence Test"

1. On the train we will teach the sheep to frown and whistle.

2. After we eat lunch we will sail around the tree.

3. Which mouse found the snail by the tray?

4. Please be nice and not chase him on the steep hill when you play.

5. You brush your teeth better than you wash your face.

You may visit this website and practice this week's spelling words, <http://www.spellingcity.com/view-spelling-list.html?listId=36312> Please practice for these tests.

MATH

In math we will review solution strategies for subtraction of 2-digit numbers; develop readiness for multiplication; find coin combinations equivalent to \$1.00; explore one meaning of division; discuss multiplication as a way to find the total number of things in several equal groups; explore everyday examples of rectangular arrays; and provide experiences with solving multiplication problems using multiplication diagrams and array models.

We will have a money test on Monday, an addition/subtraction facts test and a renaming in addition test on Tuesday, a clock quiz on Wednesday, and a renaming quiz in subtraction and an addition/subtraction facts test on Thursday. Please continue to help your child with their homelink assignments and practice math skills.



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PRINTING/ENGLISH

In printing we are working on proper formation, spacing, and neatness. In English we are working on writing to persuade, compound words, reading schedules, and writing a personal response. Children are required to use proper punctuation in all of their work.

SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE

In social studies we are discussing communities. In science we are discussing 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.

COMPUTER PROJECTS

Your child may wish to visit our collection of numerous kid-friendly educational web sites that we use during computer time. 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 Gym
Thursday - Library
Thursday - End of 2nd Nine Weeks
Friday - 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

Please remember to look at the papers your child brings home in his/her task/work-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.

Please remember to send your child's lunch/lunch money in an envelope with his/her name on it and Mrs. Gray.

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 roberta.gray@neomin.org (school -
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