



PHONICS/READING

In phonics we are reviewing suffixes. We will work on our thematic tests for Unit 4 this week. Please encourage your child to read each question selection and question carefully, reread questions and stories when they are not sure of their answers and to do their best on these tests. 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

Spelling this week is a review unit. We will have a word test on Wednesday and the sentence test on Friday.

Lesson 22 "Theme 4 Review"

Wednesday's Test

blow boat bring cold farm  
hand hold load most park  
party road send sing smart  
snow thank thing think yard  
\*rainbow \*department \*young  
\*\*too \*\*ready

Friday's sentence test

1. The queen had quite a feast.
2. The young boy will load most of the cold snow in the yard into the boat under the rainbow.
3. My goal is to sing at the department party in the park.
4. I think the farm girl will send us a grand thank you note.
5. Please hold my hand by the road.

You may visit this website and practice this week's spelling words,

<http://www.spellingcity.com/view-spelling-list.html?listId=36024>

MATH

This week we will use graphs to answer questions and draw conclusions; and complete a unit test.

We will have a money test and a timed addition/subtraction facts test on Tuesday, a renaming test in addition and a clocks test on Wednesday, a timed addition/subtraction facts test and a renaming test in subtraction on Thursday, and a math concepts quiz on Friday.

PRINTING/ENGLISH

In printing we are working on proper formation, spacing, and neatness. In English we are working on parts of a dictionary entry, possessive plurals, and adding details. Children are required to use proper punctuation in all of their work.

SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE

In social studies we are discussing goods and services. We are also discussing self-control and how everyone must work together to create a successful community.

In science we are working on the unit, "Moon, Stars, and Planets". Vocabulary words are moon, crater, phase, star, constellation, solar system, and planet. We will explore and infer how moonlight can be seen from the earth, describe the Moon and understand what moonlight is, and discuss the apparent motion of the Moon across the sky.

COMPUTER PROJECTS

We have been watching the temperature and weather for two weeks to see if the Austinburg Weather Predictors were correct about there being six more weeks of winter. You can learn more about the Austinburg Weather Predictors by visiting

<http://www.mrsgraysclassroom.org/internet/groundhog/>



# CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

February 15, 2016



On Monday the youngest eaglet on our eagle cam, E8 got tangled in fishing line that was in the nest. Unable to free himself from the nest, his leg became very swollen and there was concern he may not survive. On Tuesday afternoon, a local Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife (CROW) cut the line holding him to the nest and he was removed for emergency care. At the clinic the fishing line was removed from his leg and his leg was x-rayed. Luckily, he did not have any broken bones. He was given fluids for dehydration, plenty of food to build up his strength, and physical therapy for his leg. He was returned to his parents and sibling on Friday afternoon. The url for the eagle cam is <http://dickpritchettrealestate.com/eagle-feed.html>

Your child may also 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

Tuesday - Music

Wednesday - Intervention Gym

Wednesday - Parent/Teacher Conferences,  
4:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday - Library

Friday - Intervention Gym

February 25 - Parent-Teacher Conferences  
- 4:30 - 8:00 p.m

## FROM THE TEACHER'S DESK

The children and I would like to thank everyone who helped and sent in items for the Valentine's Party. We had a wonderful time. Also thank you to everyone who sent in Box Tops. We won the pizza party for having the most Box Tops and enjoyed our pizza during the Valentine's Party.

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. 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. 6200) or e-mail (school - [roberta.gray@neomin.org](mailto:roberta.gray@neomin.org)).  
Roberta Gray