



CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

February 22, 2016



PHONICS/READING

In phonics we are working on *-er, oa,* and *ow*. We will work on these sounds in our phonics readers, "My Sister Joan" and "The Big Party Plan".

We will finish 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.

We will also begin working on our new story "Brothers and Sisters." In this story we are working on the strategy of evaluating, generalizations and timelines.

High frequency words are *middle, trouble, and uncle*.

Vocabulary words are

newborn; just born; only few days or weeks old

distract; to draw a person's attention away from something

twins; two children born at the same time to the same parents

pest; someone who is a bother or who causes trouble

teenage; between the ages of twelve and twenty

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

Wednesday's word test

after better brother brothers
children father flower mother other
over shop sister that under water
*parents *center **school **head
**beehive

Friday's Sentence Test

1. There was a donkey sleeping in the barnyard.
2. The parents of the children are at the center of that flower shop.
3. My mother, father, and sister ran after my brothers.
4. My other brother can jump over logs and swim under water better than my sister.

You may visit this website and practice this week's spelling words,
<http://www.spellingcity.com/view-spelling-list.html?listId=36060> Please practice for these tests.

MATH

This week we will review basic fraction concepts, use fractions to name parts of collections, explore that many different fractions can name the same fractional part of a whole, find pairs of equivalent fractions by using region models, and compare fractions by using region models We will have a money test and a common core review on Monday, a timed addition/subtraction facts test and an addition renaming test on Tuesday, 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. The children will have math homework every day except Friday.

PRINTING/ENGLISH

In printing we are working on proper formation, spacing, and neatness. The children need to print neatly on all of their work.

In English we are working on exact verbs, voice, fact/opinion, and possessive nouns. 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,



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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 three 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/>

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

Monday - Gym
Tuesday - Music
Tuesday - COSI
Wednesday- Intervention Gym
Thursday - Library
Thursday - Parent/Teacher Conferences,
4:30-8:00 p.m.
Friday - Art

FROM THE TEACHER'S DESK

The children and I would like to thank everyone who sent in items and helped with our Valentine's Day Party. We had a wonderful and fun 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 sign and return your Progress Report/Report Card envelope as soon as possible.

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. 6207) or e-mail (school - roberta.gray@neomin.org).

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