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## PHONICS/READING

In phonics we are working on a review of vowel sounds. This week we will be working on main idea, supporting details, and rhyme. We will be discussing and reading Dr. Seuss books.

Please have your child read at least 15 minutes every day or a total of 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.

## <u>SPELLING</u>

Lesson 24 "Reading-Writing Workshop" Wednesday's Word Test

1. a lot 2. cannot 3. could 4. first

5. friend 6. friends 7. here 8. hurt 9. many 10. our 11. today 12. us

13. were 14. who 15. would

\*16. heard \*17. again \*\*18. ocean \*\*19. toys \*\*20. joined

Friday's sentence test

1. The baby enjoys playing with his toys.

2. Many of our friends cannot come today.

- 3. Could your friend help us again?
- 4. Who first heard we were hurt?

5. Would a lot of your friends come here first?

Please practice for these tests. You may visit this website and practice this week's spelling words,

http://www.spellingcity.com/viewspelling-list.html?listId=36098

## <u>MATH</u>

This week we will review basic fraction concepts and complete a unit review and assessment. We will have a money test and a common core review Monday, timed on a addition/subtraction facts test and an addition renaming test on Tuesday, a clocks test on Wednesday, a timed addition/subtraction facts test and a renamina test in subtraction on Thursday, and a math unit test on Friday. The children will have math homework every day except Thursday and Friday. **PRINTING/ENGLISH** 

In printing we are working on proper formation, spacing, and neatness. In English we are working on verbs, exact verbs, voice, and opinion paragraphs. Children are required to use proper punctuation in all of their work.

SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE

In social studies we are discussing working together to solve problems in our homes, groups, and communities. We are reviewing being responsible for our behavior and decisions. We are discussing making good choices and accepting the consequences of our choices.

In science we are discussing the unit, "Moon, Stars, and Planets". Vocabulary words are Moon, crater, phase, star, constellation, solar system, and planet. We will explore and observe what stars look like in the night sky and define and discuss constellations, the planets in our solar system, and various methods of space exploration.



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We will finish sharing and presenting our groundhog projects this week. Children will bring home their projects at the end of this week.

## COMPUTER PROJECTS

We have now been watching the temperature and weather for almost four weeks to see if the Austinburg Groundhogs were correct about there being six more weeks of winter. Our web page for this project is http://www.genevaschools.org/Internet Projects.aspx

Your child may wish to visit our collection of numerous kid-friendly educational web sites. 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 Wednesday –Cultural Exchange Thursday - Library March 18 - End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks Spring Break – March 25-April 1 <u>FROM THE TEACHER'S DESK</u>

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 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. Please remind your child to bring shoes to wear in the classroom on days they wear boots to school.

If you have any ideas, concerns, questions, etc. please write me a note, call (school - 466-4831, ext. 6207 – before or after school please, home – 576-6761), or e-mail (school roberta.gray@neomin.org, home – rgray777@roadrunner.com). Roberta Gray

