



CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER



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PHONICS/READING

In phonics we are working on *nt, nd, mp, ng, nk, oa* and *ow*. We will work on these sounds in our phonics readers, "Crow's Plan" and "Brent Skunk Sings". The story in our anthology is "The Great Ball Game". We are working on the strategy of summarize, cause and effect and using directions. High frequency words are ago, field, war, and half. Vocabulary words are accept, to agree to advantage, something that gives a benefit; something helpful argument, a disagreement guarded, protected; take care of penalty, a punishment for breaking rules quarrel, a disagreement

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 21 "The Great Ball Game"

Wednesday's test

1. blow
2. boat
3. cold
4. do
5. float
6. gold
7. hold
8. load
9. most
10. old
11. phone
12. road
13. slow
14. snow
15. toe
- *16. goal
- *17. rainbow
- *18. America
- *19. knew
- *20. subway

Friday's test

1. The art class will display their clay birds.
2. If you load the old boat with gold it will not float.
3. Do you know if most of the cold snow will blow into the slow road?
4. My goal is to hold the rainbow phone with my big toe.

You may visit this website and practice this week's spelling words,
<http://www.spellingcity.com/view-spelling-list.html?listId=36032> Please practice for these tests.

MATH

This week we will make a frequency table, line plot, and bar graph for a set of data; collect data and create frequency tables, line plots, and bar graphs; and use graphs to answer questions and draw conclusions. We will have a money quiz and a common core concepts quiz on Monday, a timed addition/subtraction facts quiz and a renaming quiz in addition on Tuesday, a clocks quiz on Wednesday, and a timed addition/subtraction facts quiz and a renaming subtraction quiz on Thursday. Please practice for these quizzes.

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 are participating in Project Groundhog in Team 1 for Grades 1-2. You may learn more about this project at:

<http://www.projectgroundhog.net>

We continue to collect weather data each day. We finished our online puzzle Valentines for our



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Team Groundhog buddies. Our Valentines may be viewed at

<http://www.mrsgraysclassroom.org/internet/groundhog/valentines16/index.htm>

We have been observing an eagle cam in Southwestern Florida. The url is <http://dickpritchettrealestate.com/eagle-feed.html>

We have also been working with Mrs. Patterson with tangrams. For a tangram template and some other tangram puzzles you can visit this site - <http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/tangrams>

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 Gym

Thursday - Library

Friday - Art

Friday - Valentine's Day Party

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

Children will be allowed to exchange Valentines on February 12th. Please do not send in Valentines until February 10th. Children may or may not put names on the envelopes, but they should bring a Valentine for every child. We will make Valentine holders in class. We plan to open our Valentines in the morning and use them to create a special project. For the party we plan to pass out the treats.

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

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