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SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Week of February 8, 2021

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Upcoming Events:

February 15th-16th - Winter Recess - No School

Ms. Husti and Ms. Lascar

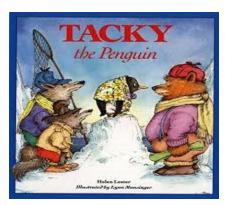


It's been great to see everyone, both in person and online, this past week. We have been getting back into the old routine. We read stories, and did various activities about Valentine's Day. We continue to learn new letters, numbers, shapes, colors, and sing songs.



Ms. Lane and Ms. Sinclair

The Kindergarteners have been working so hard in the new year! During SEL, students have been enjoying starting the day with a question of the day. We begin each day with a new question to answer, followed by a class discussion. We just



completed our Literacy unit on penguins. In this unit we compared the nonfiction text, *Penguins*, and the fiction text *Tacky The Penguin*. Students



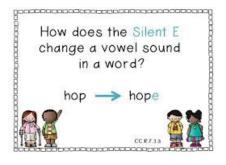
learned how illustrations help explain the text, and we discussed similarities and differences in two texts that share the same main idea. The students are excited to continue to

work on expressing their stories through illustrations and written symbols! In

Math, we have been working on classifying by categories, and comparing numbers 6-10. We are excited for the upcoming Valentine's Day activities, and the 100th day of school activities. Keep up the great work!



Mrs. Davis and Ms. Rapp



Kindness was the theme of the week in our First Grade classes. We learned what kindness means, how to be kind, and why it is important to show kindness wherever you are! The First Graders are working on the Silent E phonics rule. The Silent E, or Magic E, changes a short vowel sound into a long vowel sound. The students also read short stories filled with Silent E words. In Math, we

are working on place value. The

students are learning about the tens and ones place. They can identify how many groups of tens and ones are in a number. They are doing a great job! The First Graders are also getting ready to celebrate the 100th Day of School, which is February 22nd! They are working on creating their 100th Day of School posters. Keep reading every night!



Ms. Manzo and Mrs. Olivieri

The Second Graders are hard at work writing a chapter book about themselves. The book is entitled "All About Me," and shares things about their family, school, favorite things, hobbies, and what they want to be when they grow up. We are super excited to read their



finished books. Math has focused on place value, comparing numbers, and skip counting. We practiced skip counting by 5's, 10's, 100's, and even 1,000's. In our new Science unit, Energy in Motion, we will explore force, motion, and sound. Force and motion are



some of the most important things in our lives. Force and motion make things move and stay still. Pushing and pulling are examples of forces that can speed things up, or slow things down. We will experiment with magnets, and check out objects that will sink or float. We hope you all have a Happy Valentine's Day! Enjoy your nice long weekend!











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Mrs. Bennett-Duran

Mrs. Bennett's class is so excited to be back in school for hybrid learning! This week we started our shapes unit. We are reading the book *Mouse Shapes*, to learn about all the different things you can make by using shapes! We have practiced this by making our own Cat and Mouse crafts out of different shapes! We have also been continuing to work on the sounds that each letter makes in the alphabet, and identifying objects that begin with the letter we are focusing on that day. Our students are becoming pros at counting from 1-10!





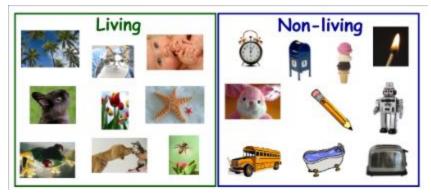
Mrs. Capazzi

I am so excited to be back working with the students! They have been working daily, in small groups, to develop their math, decoding, reading comprehension, phonics and grammar skills. Special topics that we recently learned about include living vs. nonliving things, basic needs, habitats, landforms, bodies of water, Abraham Lincoln, and George Washington.



Keep up the great

work!

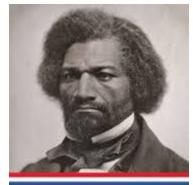


Mrs. Cruz Betesh and Mrs. Houston



Third graders are traveling back in time this month. We journeyed to the year 1849, to meet Henry "Box" Brown, and hear about his trip to freedom. On a daily basis, we will visit other famous black Americans, and learn about their contributions to our wonderful world. Our next visit will be

with Harriet "Moses" Tubman, who will take us on a trip on The Underground Railroad. Frederick Douglass will also visit with us. We will make quilt designs to help other slaves escape, as Harriet Tubman did. Abraham Lincoln will visit with us on his birthday, this Friday. Next week, our trip will be



Frederick Douglass

to the 1960's, where we will meet many figures who helped fuel the civil rights movement, such as Ruby Bridges, Martin Luther

King Jr., Rosa Parks, and many lesser known heroes. Our month will end in present day America, where we will "meet" Barack Obama, Kamala Harris, and other great Americans.

