



# January 2018

## Kindergarten Happenings

Dear Students,

I'm writing this letter to you, instead of to your parents, as you are becoming such good readers already. Have you told your parents about our **Sing and Spell Video**? I'm so proud of the number of words you are reading. **Report cards will be coming home January 9<sup>th</sup>**. An explanation of this first grade card will be included in the envelope. Be sure to go over the skills marked, with your parents, and have them sign and return it as soon as possible.

Depending on number of snow days, I wanted you to know that we are hoping to hit our **100<sup>th</sup> Day of School** this month. We will celebrate with a party. If you would like to send in 100 items for us to count, measure, or eat, we'd appreciate it. You can send in 100 cotton balls, 100 m&m's, 100 straws, 100 pennies, etc. Last year a student brought in 100 match box cars that lined the entire width of the classroom. January 18<sup>th</sup> might be the 100<sup>th</sup> Day, so let the countdown begin! Snow days could change this. **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** is scheduled to be a day off, unless we have snow before then and will need to use that as a Snow Day.

A few students in our class will be receiving a **First Semester Good Conduct Award**. Encourage your child to follow school rules, in the classroom, hallways, restrooms, special classes, recess and at lunchtime. Doing homework nightly and turning it in on Fridays is also important in learning responsibility. Our counselor, Mrs. Grimm may invite special students to eat lunch with her, if they are "caught being kind" by their teacher. I have a few lunch tickets for those showing extra acts of kindness this semester.

We congratulate Bentley and Ava for having perfect attendance for the first semester. **Attendance at school is important**. I hope second semester will be off to a great start with no tardies and fewer absences.

We will be reading a story next week about **George Washington** and talking about how life today is different from life hundreds of years ago. You might share in these conversations at home, telling your child about ancestors or things his/her grandparents had or didn't have as children.



January will give us lessons on "Snow Fun" and we have a lot of stories to read aloud. Letters we are working on this month include "Dd", "Kk", "Ff" and "Oo." We will celebrate "Dd Week" with doughnuts one day.

**New words to read** this month include: see, look, they, you and of. We are also excited about working with word families, such as the -at family, **spelling words** bat, cat, fat, mat and hat. We hope to look at the -op family also. (Hop, top, mop, cop, and stop).

We will be enjoying several of the new National Geographics for Kids. You will enjoy this magazine to keep at home each month.

In **Fusion Science** we are studying about the weather, looking at Dinosaurs and even the life cycle of a frog. If you would like to contribute to our **Friendship Fruit Salad the 19<sup>th</sup>**, feel free to send a fruit item for that, also. I appreciate all you do to help make learning fun and memorable for your child.

**EXTRA Math** lessons will find us counting pennies, and working with telling time by the hour. We are reading, writing, learning and inching our word to first grade, as we are subtracting a few teeth each week! Losing a tooth in kindergarten is a big deal!

Have a wonderful wintry month of reading with your child! Be sure to check out our Weebly Page!

*Mrs. Swingler*

