



February News



PS 147
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First Grade Newsletter

Reading/ELA

In February, we will begin our unit on getting to know the characters in books. In this unit we will be learning how to use the words and pictures to learn about our characters. We will be talking about their inside and outside characters traits. Inside traits are the ones that describe the characters personality including their likes, dislikes, wants, and feeling. The outside traits are what a character looks like. During shared reading we will be reading Junie B. Jones books. This is a series. We will be getting to know the characters in the series. We will be discussing the setting, important events, problem and solutions. We will be talking about her character traits and feelings.

Writing

In February, we will begin our unit on opinion writing. In this unit we will learn how to write a review. Students will write reviews on places, books, movies, games, and restaurants, etc. We will be focusing on how to include an introduction, how to state our opinion, give reasons, write descriptions, and write a conclusion. We will still be working on stretching out words, making sure we use correct punctuation marks, and correctly spell our word wall words.

In shared writing, we will be writing responses to Junie B. Jones books. We will be writing about the character, problems she faces, and how she solves her problems.



Science

In February, we will begin our next unit on Light and Sound. In this unit, students will act as light and sound engineers as they are asked to design, build, and then project a scene for a puppet show. As light engineers, they will have to answer the question; how do we make different parts of a surface brighter or darker? Students will be investigating cause-and-effect relationships.

Social Studies

In February, first graders will learn about families now and long ago. In this unit students will learn about life long ago and make comparisons to how life is today. Second graders will learn about New York City overtime. In this unit students will explore New York City long ago. Kindergarteners will learn about individual development and cultural identity. In this unit students will learn how people are the same and different across America.

Math

In February, first graders will learn about how to compare numbers using greater than, less than, and equal to. Students will also practice counting 10 less and 10 more to any given number.



Word Study

We will be doing a variety of activities during word study. We will be practicing our letters and letter sounds to build a strong phonetic (letter-sound) foundation. We will also learn how to spell words by using all that we know about letter sounds. We will continue to practice writing sight words and learn new vocabulary words. We will engage in activities such as writing words in ABC order and writing words in sentences.

Important Dates:

- **February 5th:** Lunar New Year - No School
- **February 8th:** PS147 Day - Wear School Gear
- **February 11th- 15th:** Respect for All Week
- **February 18-22nd:** Mid-Winter Recess - No School! (School resumes February 25th)
- **February 27th:** Parents in the Classroom @8:15am followed by PTA Meeting @9am in the McKibbin Street Side Cafeteria
- **February 28th:** Character Education Assembly @ 9am in the Auditorium
- Teachers are available to meet with parents every Tuesday from 2:30- 3:00pm.

Reminders:

- Please remember to complete homework every night.
 - Your child should be reading every night for at least 20 minutes.
- Please sign your child's reading log every night.
- Please come to school every day on time.
- Our school collects "box tops for education." Please send in any you collect.
- If you wish for your child to eat breakfast in school, please be here by 7:15 am.