

Memos from Mrs. Martin
February 4-8



What We're Learning!

"R" Letter Expert = Harper

Sight words =some, them, then,
there, these

Language Arts

- We will begin to work with the non-fiction topic, walrus. This is always a fun unit for the children. We learn a lot of facts about walrus as well as the different types of texts used for non-fiction learning. We will learn about a table of contents, labeling, and questions and answers.
- Kindergarteners will be learning about the International Holidays of Chinese New Year and Tet from our International High school students on Tuesday, February 5th.

Math

- The measurement unit from our textbook will be completed this week. The math test will be Wednesday, February 6th.
- Students will continue to learn about measurement after the test. We will be learning how to tell and write time to the hour.



Important Dates

- Valentine's Day Party – Thursday, February 14th. Party begins at 1:45 p.m. Students will make Valentine boxes at home and bring to school on the 14th.

Spirit week is Feb. 11-15th

- **Monday** – comfy day
- **Tuesday** – Hawaiian day
- **Wednesday** – Class T-shirt day (our red shirts)
- **Thursday** – Pink and Red Day
- **Friday** – Hat day
- No class Monday, February 18th, President's Day
- Optional spring picture day – March 1st
- No class March 11-15th – spring break
- No class March 28-29th - Optional parent/teacher conference
- No Class April 18-19 – Spring Holiday

Be sure to check out our letter experts on page 4-7. 😊

Hot Topics!

- We will NOT be dressing as if we are 100 years old on the 100th day of school this year. Stay tuned for more information regarding the 110th year of school celebration.
- Also, when making Valentine Cards, please have your child make one card for each student. We will pass out cards during our party. In years past, it has proven easiest to pass out cards to friends, if they ARE NOT addressed to specific individual students. Please just have one card for every student and then we can be sure to pass one out to all students quickly.
- Student will need to make Valentine boxes at home and bring to school on February 14th.

Things to work on at Home

- Congratulations to Harper – our newest shoe tying expert!
- Practice writing first and last names. After winter break, all students will be writing both names on every paper.
- Count by 10's, 5's, 2's and 1's to 100.
- Practice one digit addition up to 10 just for review. We will begin subtraction but I want the children to remember how to add 😊
- Practice spelling words for test on Fridays.



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Rock Star Reader Tip of the Week

Clap Our Family Names and Win

Syllable segmentation is really just a fancy way to say breaking words down into sounds. It is an important skill to practice to help children decode words. Here's a fun way to practice with family member names. Grab a pencil, paper, and some scissors. Write out family names on individual pieces of paper. Use long names, short nicknames, and names that are in between. Use extended family and even pets' names.

Shuffle the cards and place them on the table.

Make sure that you have enough cards for everyone to have the same number of turns.

TO PLAY:

1. Each player takes a turn picking a card and breaking down the name on the card by clapping out the syllables.
2. Players get one point per syllable.
3. At the end of the game, the player with the most points wins.









