

Puckey's Press

Our Classroom Newsletter

January 22, 2016

Upcoming Events

- **January 25 – NO SCHOOL** for Teacher Professional Day
- **February 5** – the 100th Day of School!
- **February 11** – Our Valentine's Day Celebration! Don't forget to send in Valentine's for the class if you wish to participate!
- **February 12** – NO SCHOOL
- **February 15** – NO SCHOOL

What We're Learning:

- **Reading/Language Arts** – We have worked on special names of places and reviewed capitalizing names. We have also discussed **compound words**, words with beginning I-blends, reviewed digraph –sh, and have discussed story setting and the beginning, middle, and ends of stories.
- **Writing** - We have begun writing opinion stories! We are currently working on picking something we think is the best and trying to explain **WHY** it's the best by listing as many reasons as we can.
- **Math** – We been practicing **place value** and understanding that each **digit** (number) has its own place. We have been focusing on the **tens and ones places**. We have worked on **measuring** using non-standard measurements (such as paper clips and blocks). We learned how to **compare numbers** and number sentences with the **greater than** symbol $>$, the **less than** symbol $<$, and the **equals sign** $=$.
- **Science** – We have continued discussing **weather**. We have learned that a **meteorologist** is someone who studies and reports on the weather. We found out that weather doesn't always stay the same from day to day or season to season but that it constantly changes. We have discussed different types of weather, such as rain, sun, snow, wind, blizzard.
- **Social Studies** – We discussed Martin Luther King, Jr. and why he is such an important man. We discussed words such as **segregation**, **marches**, **boycott**, and **sit-ins** and talked about how MLK, Jr helped make laws more fair for all Americans.

Notes from the Teacher

- **Welcome Mr. Shellenberger!!**
Our new Assistant Principal is finally here! Mr. Preston Shellenberger is currently being trained by Mr. Knapsack (or interim Assistant Principal) who will soon be leaving Schick. Mr. Shellenberger will make a great addition to our staff and is excited to be working with us, too!
- **Valentine's Day**
We will be celebrating Valentine's Day at school on Thursday, February 11th. If you are interested in having your child participate, please send in 20 valentines addressed to each student on or before the 11^{gh}. A class list was sent home last week. Please let me know if you've misplaced your copy.
- **Donations welcome**
We are running low on glue sticks and tissues. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!
- **Callie**
A letter regarding Callie was sent home last week. Please consider using the resources listed in the letter to help discuss Callie's cancer with your child. If your child is having a difficult time coping or understanding, please let Mrs. Cooley or myself know.
- **Healthy Touch Safety Presentation**
Next week, our children will participate in a "Healthy Touch" safety presentation during our Guidance Lesson time. Please see the handout sent home yesterday (1/21) about the lesson.
- **Don't forget!**
Don't forget about having your child use these great resources at home! These all mirror activities and skills that we use in the classroom and are on your child's **OWN** ability level! They can be accessed from any computer or smart device!

* iStation.com

* connected.mcgraw-hill.com

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