

January Curriculum at a Glance:

Reading Workshop: This month we will focus on strategies for figuring out unknown words and unfamiliar vocabulary in books.

Some strategies we will focus on this month include:

- Readers figure out words by saying the sound of the beginning letters.
- Readers figure out words by noticing the ends of words.
- Readers figure out words by moving through the whole word.
- Readers always think about what makes sense.



Support our work at home:

Encourage your child to be a "word detective".

If your child comes across an unfamiliar word: Ask "Does the word you just said make sense? Let's read the sentence again."

Writing Workshop:

Unit of Study: Adaptations of Fairy Tales and Folk Tales

In this unit, children are invited to create their own version of a fairy tale they know well. This unit allows children to study adaptations of fairy tales in an especially intense and purposeful way- as authors who will, themselves, create their own wild and wonderful adaptations.

Math Workshop: This month we will be finishing up "Measurement and Basic Facts" and beginning "Place Values, Number Stories, and Basic Facts." We will introduce the students to number stories, for example, creating them and solving them. The children will also be spending time learning place value.

The children will specifically focus on:

- * Place value concepts of tens and ones
- * Exploring addition of 2 digit numbers
- * Making up and solving a variety of number stories

Quick skills to practice at home:

- Adding two digit numbers
- Creating number stories using two digit numbers and coins
- Sums of tens

Social Studies: The first grade will continue to talk and think about who and what comprises the school community. In addition, along with teaching the children the Chinese language and songs, Ms. Levine will continue sharing stories and anecdotes about Chinese culture.

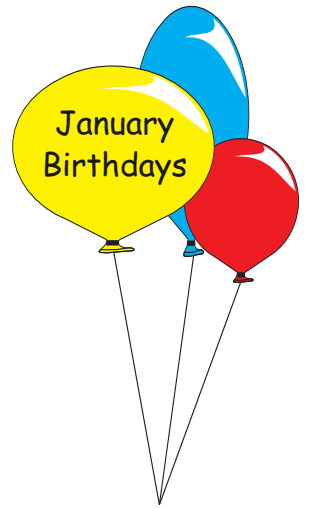
Birthday Wishes:

Look who's celebrating...
A very Happy Birthday to:

Ms. Polverino (1-201)
Cristina Melian 1/15
Finn Kleckner 1/24

Ms. Strickler (1-202)
Devon Forrester 1/03
Justin Zambrano 1/10

Ms. Bernstein (1-208)
Nadir Shabain 1/10
Luis Gonzalez 1/25



Trips:

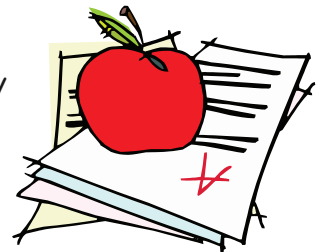
Trip to be announced once we have confirmation.

February's Coming Attractions:

Field Trip: February 6th-Kingsborough Community College to see a performance of The Butterfly

Winter Break Monday, February 18th- Friday, February 22nd- No School

PTA Meeting Tuesday, February 26th 7pm



Reminders:

School is closed Monday, January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King Day

PTA Meeting Tuesday, January 15th 7pm

Skating Party at Wollman Rink on Thursday, January 24th

