



Dear Parents,

Small group reading instruction is going well. This month, your child will begin to bring home a book that they have read in group to practice and read to you. It will come in a special bag. Please encourage your child to read it often. When not being read, remind them to keep the book in its bag and in their backpack so they have it at school when it is time to trade books. (Trading happens approximately once a week.)

As we move into this new year, we are learning the short vowel sounds of a and i. By segmenting a word into its sounds, we can hear which vowel appears in the middle. We check our work by “pushing the sounds” (saying all the sounds) in a word. Ask your child to show you!

In math, we are practicing counting by 1’s and 10’s. We look at 2-digit numbers and tell which number tells us how many tens and which tells how many ones. We are looking forward to our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school when we will have a 100 party (Shhh!) This should happen around Feb. 5, depending on snow days. Thanks for encouraging your child to count!

In science, we are finishing our unit of study on motion. This unit includes gravity and magnets. We will be making our own paper airplanes next week.

Reminders: Tuesday, January 15—Chuck E. Cheese PTO fundraiser 3-9 pm

Friday, January 18 –We do have school! (Hurricane make-up day)

Monday, January 21—No School--Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Wednesday, Jan. 23—Early Dismissal Day

Wednesday, Jan. 30—Wear your favorite team jersey day!

Sincerely, Sue Gehman