



Dear Parents,

Small group reading instruction is going well. This month, your child is bringing home a book that they have read in group to practice and read to you. It is 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.)

This month, we are adding these high-frequency words to our word wall: **it, jump, look, see, find, you, of, they, big, red, away, are, do, and that.**

As we move into this new year, we are learning the short vowel sounds of a, i, and o. By segmenting a word into its sounds, we can hear which vowel appears in the middle. Ask your child to show you!

In math, we are practicing counting by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's. We are looking forward to our 100th day of school when we will have a 100 party (Shhh!) This should happen around Feb. 4, depending on snow days. (Our celebration is planned for Friday, Feb. 6 and will not change even if we have snow days.) Thanks for encouraging your child to count!

Reminders: Wednesday, Jan. 28—Early Dismissal Day

Wednesday, Jan. 28—Wear plaid or flannel day!

Friday, Feb. 6-Wednesday, Feb. 11—Bring in Valentines!

Friday, Feb. 13 and Monday, Feb. 16—No School

(possible snow make-up days)

Sincerely, Sue Gehman