

Classroom Newsletter

January 2018

Reading- We will continue to work in our guided reading groups and practicing our strategies. During our first week back from vacation we will be updating our read to self bags. The children love this time of day 😊 and they are excited to change their books. This month we will also be doing an author study on Jan Brett. She has so many books that are fun to read and lend themselves to related activities. I always look forward to sharing my collection of Jan Brett books, especially with first graders. I know that they will enjoy reading and learning from her books.

Writing- Our first week back we are going to revisit our animals in winter writing that we started before Christmas. With all of the exciting activities that we had going on we didn't get the chance to finish. So, the first week back we will do some reviewing and work on our writing. During the month we will visit several other topics that we will use our TIDE writing techniques. Some of these might include winter, Martin Luther King Jr., and penguins. Be sure to ask your children each week about their writing.

Math- We ended December just starting Topic 3 in the Envision math series. This section includes strategies when adding numbers where the sums go up to 20. Homework will come home most nights but, if I feel we need more practice on a certain skill I might chose not to include homework. Homework might also come home with fact practice or "Math boxes".

Social Studies/Science- This month we will be learning about weather and the changes we see in the winter. At the end of the month we will begin to learn about penguins. We will also learn about Martin Luther King Jr.

I wanted to wish all of the children and their families a Happy New Year. I am looking forward to 2018 as we work towards learning and enjoying each and everyday, and hopefully the temperature will rise a little ☀️. Please remember if you have any questions or concerns contact me with a note in your child's folder or leave a message for me in the office.