

JANUARY HAPPENINGS IN GRADE 1

MRS. REGELE

Reading/Language Arts

This month in Reading we will do an author's study on Jan Brett. We will read many of her books including the **The Mitten, The Hat, The First Dog, Hedgie's Surprise, Comet's Nine Lives** and **Annie and The Wild Animals**. We will use our **WWWE Organizer** to map out the stories.

We will continue to work on long vowels, word endings and blends as well. Guided Reading groups will continue to meet daily and a guided reading book will be sent home nightly. Please make sure your child returns his or her reading book each day.

Five new word wall words will continue to be added weekly. Your child should be practicing all of the word wall words nightly. Your child will be tested on the five new words and five of the old words on each Friday.

In Writing this month we will continue to use the mnemonic **TIDE** for informative writing. I will though be introducing the mnemonic **TREE** which is for opinion writing. I have attached this mnemonic to this newsletter so that you can see what we will be doing.

Mathematics

In Math this month we will continue to work with subtraction. Students should be practicing their addition and subtraction facts to twenty nightly. Your child needs to know these facts by June.

Social Studies

In Social Studies this month students will learn about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and why he was important. We will also learn about Thomas Edison and Benjamin Franklin. We will learn about what they have invented and how their inventions were important.

Science

In Science we will learn about hibernation and discuss the animals that hibernate. We will discuss the changes in the winter weather that we notice.

Students will begin an engineering unit. We will learn about inventors and read about their inventions. Students will conduct their own science experiments in class as well.

Important Reminders

- *Homework needs to be checked every night and signed**
- *Red Homework Folders need to be returned daily**
- *Guided Reading Books need to be returned daily**
- *Guided Reading homework needs to be checked and signed nightly**

Important Dates

1-3 Governance Council Meeting 7:30am
1-8 PTG Meeting 6:30pm
1-8 Scholastic Book Order due online
1-15 No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Wish List

*tissues
*glue sticks
*black dry erase markers
*paper towels

As you can see it will be another busy month in our classroom. If you would like to come in and share a book about something we will be learning about please let me know. We would love you to come in.

I have attached a volunteer sign up sheet for the Winter Carnival that will be held on Saturday, February 3rd. If you are able to sign up for at least a half hour slot that would be great.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time or supplies for our holiday activities. I appreciate all of your support. I could not do all of the things I do without all of your help.

Happy New Year,
Mrs. Regele