



Ms. Rezel's Monthly Newsletter

January



I hope everyone had a great Christmas! It was nice to have a few days off to relax, but now it is time to kick start the second half of the school year.

Happy Birthday

- Italie: 1st
- Natalia: 6th

Monthly Go Green Tip

- Kids can be messy, and store bought cleaners are not very green. With a few, simple ingredients that are most likely in your home already, you can make ecofriendly cleaners. Check out: <http://www.care2.com/greenliving/make-your-own-non-toxic-cleaning-kit.html> for more information.

Supplies

- I have noticed that students are starting to run low on their supplies. Please check in with your child to see what he/she needs. Most students are in need of new markers, crayons, erasers, and folders (1 or 2).
- Our classroom is currently in need of pencils, Kleenex, computer paper, and whiteboard (dry erase) markers.

Friendly Tips & Reminders

- Have your child read to you or read to your child each night.
- Check your child's homework folder & agenda each night. Please sign the agenda book every night.
- Place any notes from home in your child's homework folder. I check homework folders every day.
- Spelling words should be practiced 2 to 3 times a week.

Content Area Snapshots

Math:

- Same size and shape
- Symmetry
- Reading & making a table
- Fair shares
- Halves, fourths, & thirds
- Probability

Reading:

- Phonics: vowel sounds of y, final ng & nk, compound words, r-controlled or/ore/ar, ending -es, and plural -es,
- Comprehension skills: compare and contrast, plot, and theme
- Comprehension strategies: predict, summarize, monitor & fix up, and visualize

Language Arts:

- Grammar skills: action verbs, verbs that add -s, verbs that do not add -s, and verbs for now and the past
- Writing prompts: steps, list, greeting card, and poem
- Six + 1 traits: conventions, organization, voice, and word choice

Beginning with our third reading/language arts unit, weekly writing assignments will be assessed using a rubric from the Reading Street series. Check your child's folder on Wednesdays for their writing work.

Religion:

- Different types of prayer
- Saying "yes" to God
- The Holy Spirit

Social Studies:

- Winter
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- Setting goals & taking responsibility

Science:

- The sun
- Shadows
- Weather & seasons

Snack Time

- Healthy snacks such as carrot sticks, pretzels, an apple, or crackers are allowed. Please **do not** send your child with juice or snacks that require utensils. Unhealthy snacks or snacks requiring utensils will be sent home.
- Please **do not** send your child to school with **peanut butter/peanut** snacks. We have a peanut allergy in our room; therefore, our classroom is peanut free.

Important Dates

- 13th: Tag Day
- 16th: No School – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday
- 20th: End of 2nd quarter – 11:30 Dismissal
- 26th: Family Lunch
- 29th: Open House
- 31st: Home & School Mtg.

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