

Mrs. Hardcastle's First Grade Newsletter

January 19, 2024

This week in ELA, we worked on long a words that follow the pattern of a_e (long a, consonant, silent e). We talked about a lot of different words that follow this pattern. We also learned about past tense verbs that end in ed. Past tense verbs are actions that already happened. Our story this week was "The Big Race". In math, we are learning our addition and subtraction facts. We have been working on subtracting 2 and adding 2. We also worked on word problems, counting by 5's, tally marks, counting dimes and pennies together, and place value for dimes and pennies. Our bible stories this week were Elisha and the Shunamite woman, and Jonah. We learned about prayer and how we need to listen to God. In science, we learned all about rock types and rock exploration. We learned all about what makes a rock and how rocks can change over many years. In social studies, we learned about the pledge of allegiance, and voting.

Spelling Tests: Next week, we will start having challenge words on our spelling words test. Challenge words are harder than the normal spelling words and are used to start challenging your students. If your child gets it incorrect, it will not be marked towards their grade, but it is a great way to challenge their brain. If they get the challenge word correct, it will be used as extra credit, in place of an incorrect word. Please make sure to practice these words as well.

Family Winter Wonder Dance: On Friday, January 19th, student council will be hosting a Winter Wonder Family dance for our TK-3rd grade students. The dance is from 4:30-6:00 pm.

Spirit Week: January 22nd to 26th is spirit week. Each day there will be a different theme dress for the day. If your child does not want to participate, please make sure they are in their school uniform for the day. Here is the themed dress days:

Monday 22nd: Sports Day

Tuesday 23rd: Disney Day

Wednesday 24th: Chapel Dress

Thursday 25th: Throwback Thursday- 60's, 70's, 80's, or 90's

Friday 26th: D.E.A.R. Day- Pajama Day

D.E.A.R. Day: Friday, January 26th is D.E.A.R. Day. This stands for Drop Everything And Read. We will spend the last part of our day reading. Students can bring books from home to read during this time. Please make sure your child's name is on any book they bring in. Students can bring a small blanket, 1 small stuffed animal, and any books of their choosing. Children need to be able to fit everything in the backpack and carry it themselves. This is also pajama day. Please make sure their pajamas are appropriate and no slippers!

100th Day of School: The 100th day of school is fast approaching. The 100th day of school is on Tuesday, January 30th. Students can dress up like they are 100 years old. We will have some fun activities in class. I will be sending home a 100 day of school snack bag collection. I am asking each child to collect 100 things to share for a snack. We will be mixing all of the items in a bowl. Please make sure to count out 100 and place them in a ziplock bag, and attach it to the 100 things

in my bag paper. This paper will go home in Friday folders, on Tuesday the 26th. You can send you items in on Monday or Tuesday. Here are some ideas on items to count out and bring in: marshmallows, m&m's, chocolate chips, cheerios, pretzels, popcorn, goldfish, etc.

Valentine's Day Party: We will be having a Valentine's day party on Wednesday, February 14th in the afternoon. Each child will be able to pass out valentine's day cards, treats, goodies bags, etc. **Please only fill out the "From" section, and leave the "To" section empty.** This makes it easy to help the children pass them out. **We have 22 kids in our class.** I will have more information about the party as it gets closer.

Amazon Wish list: We have an amazon wish list for our class. This wish list has things we will use during the year such as arts & crafts, learning resources, cleaning supplies or classroom necessities. Please print out an invoice and send it to me via email so I can get it to the office so they can give you credit. Here is our wish list:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/8JDNSCULQVOP?ref=wl_share

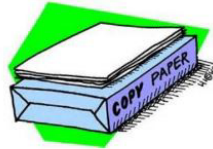
Consumables: Here is a list of the consumables. Please send them in when you can.

"A—L" 1st Semester: August 17, 2023—December 22, 2023

"M—Z" 3rd Semester: January 8, 2024 — June 6, 2024

Each family is asked to provide the following supplies for **each** child's classroom:

- 2 Rolls of Paper Towels
- 3 Reams White Copy Paper
- 1 Container Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- 1 Can of Lysol Spray
- 2 Boxes Kleenex-type facial tissues, non-lotioned
- 1 bottle of Hand Soap



Blessings,

Mrs. Hardcastle

Important Dates to Remember:

1/19: Family Winter Wonder Dance 4:30-6:00 pm

1/22-26: Spirit Week

1/23: Dine and Donate at Burger City- See the Eagle for more information

1/26: D.E.A.R. Day/Donut Day \$1/Minimum Day- Dismissal at Noon

1/30: 100th Day of School- Dress like you are 100 years old

2/14: Valentine's Day Party (more info coming soon)

2/16: Minimum Day- Dismissal at Noon

2/19-23: No School- Winter Break

Next Week: January 22nd – 26th

Spelling Words (Long i words):

1. time
2. bike
3. like
4. white
5. kite
6. drive

Challenge Word:

1. stripe

Bible Verse:

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.” Ephesians 6:1

Upcoming Tests:

Thursday 1/25: Math Test #13

Friday 1/26: Spelling Test and ELA Test