

First Grade News

January 8, 2018

Dear Parents,

What a start to the New Year! Here's our news for the week.

Word Wall Words

The new words for this week are: no, some, very, want, was. Please complete at least 3 activities from the spelling menu and return the work by Friday. Also, please continue to practice all introduced words. Your child should be able to read and write them in a snap! The Spelling menu can be found on your teachers class website.

Week 1: I, like, me, and, the

Week 2: he, she, is, it,

Week 3: his, has, her, to, because

Week 4: this, we, **went**, be, **am**

Week 5: **that**, said, **how**, on, here

Week 6: **at**, are, **can**, **had**, there

Reading/Social Studies

We are finishing our learning about Community helpers. Students have been using sticky notes to stop and jot their ideas, questions and wonderings while reading.

Reading Homework for Tuesday: Please have your child read some books on Big Universe. Remember, you can access it through the Jennings Virtual Library.

<http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/jen/>

Writing

We are very excited to begin our new writing unit. Please send in your child's collection of 5 similar items by tomorrow. (5 beanie boos, 5 Barbies, 5 Pokemon cards, etc).

Health

Before vacation, your child brought home Scrubby Bear's Handwashing chart. We asked that your child track his/her handwashing for the entire month of December. Your child should return the chart back to school when the chart is complete and will become a member of The Scrubby Bear Clean Hands club. Your child will even receive an official membership card! How exciting!

Math

Our students are continuing to investigate and gain a deeper understanding of equivalence. Students are also working on the idea that numbers can be grouped in a variety of ways or presented in a different order, and the quantity will stay the same. We have been exploring these ideas by studying a book called *The Double-Decker Bus* - bus that has two decks with ten seats on each. Five seats on each deck are red and five seats are white. The bus goes by quickly and the little girl in the story, sitting at her bedroom window and watching, works out ways to use the color of seats to calculate quickly how many people are on the bus. Her father drives a double-decker bus and she helps him figure out a way to know how many empty seats there are on the top deck even though he cannot see them.

Sincerely,

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