

Dear Parents,

Wow...the snow has finally decided to arrive! First Grade is a very busy place this week as we are celebrating Chinese New Year, the 100th Day of School and Valentine's Day! Here's our news!

100th Day of School

Due to Friday's school cancellation, the 100th day is now set for Thursday, February 11th! Don't forget to dress up at 100 year olds!

Valentine's Day

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day with the students on Thursday. Please remember to send in cards with no food attached.

Phonics/Penmanship

There will be no new words this week due to the short week. Please continue to practice all of the introduced words. We would like to continue to encourage the students to practice sentence writing.

Math

Last week we played a game called *Collecting Stamps*. This game helped to foster understanding of ten as both ten items, and as one group. The purpose of the game is to collect 100 stamps, filling ten pages of an empty stamp book (the game board). The game supports the making of ten as an addition strategy, and the unitizing of a group of ten. The stamp pages on the game board are designed to resemble ten-frames to support the use of the five- and ten-structures as helpful models. At the end of the lesson, we discussed strategies that were helpful, such as jumping to the next multiple of ten, or adding ten to a number.

Library Learning Commons

The students have finished up their Community helpers project in the library with Miss. P. Follow the link below to check them out!

<http://fairfieldschools.org/schools/jen/activity/grade-1projects/>

Spring Party

The first graders will be making tie-dyed t-shirts for their upcoming spring party on **Tuesday, March 1st**. We will wear the shirts on our upcoming field trips. Thank you to the parents that signed up to volunteer at the party. We would love to have as many hands as possible to make each session go smoothly. Here is the schedule for each class:

1:30-2:00pm Mrs. Barzottini

2:00-2:30pm Mrs. Jacobs

2:30-3:00pm Mrs. Cabezas

Upcoming Field Trips

Mark your calendars! We have two upcoming field trips this spring. Permission slips and more information will be coming home closer to the date. All parents are welcome to join both trips!

*We will be visiting the Birdcraft Sanctuary on April 8th. Times are TBD.

*We will be visitning the Beardsley Zoo on May 27th from 10:15-1:30. (Rain date is June 3rd).

Respectfully yours,
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