

## Newsletter for the week of January 16, 2017

Hello Parents,

Our class rocked this past week! I am very proud of each one of them at how well they have been getting along and working together. I look forward to see what the rest of the year will bring.

Thanks to Thom Goodin (Keira's Dad) we have apple T.V. in our classroom. Apple T.V. has allowed us to view videos on our classroom television instead of the small computer this past week. We watched an introduction video about the human body this week. Next week we will be watching a video about Dr. Martin Luther King. I look forward to utilizing our technology much more in the next couple of weeks.

Just a reminder; please make sure your child is signed out for the day. If you do not notify the person with the clipboard that you are taking your child you can be charged after school fees.

*Here are some activities and concepts for the up and coming week....*

### **Math**

Please practice addition facts at home to help them prepare for their minute tests(1<sup>st</sup> grade doubles and addends 0, 1, and 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade doubles and addends 0, 1,2,3,4, and 5). We have been practicing the facts at school using computer games. Students seem to like [www.ABCya.com](http://www.ABCya.com) the best for math games.

Concepts this week in math :

*1st grade* – Addition Strategies (using doubles plus 1 and minus 1 and making 10 to find the sum)

*2nd grade* - Two Digit Subtraction (breaking apart ones and regrouping to find the difference)

### **Language Arts**

#### *Green Group*

Writing- Descriptive writing

Grammar- Prepositions and Prepositional phrases

Reading- A Cupcake Party by David McPhail (fantasy)

#### *Orange/Purple Group*

Writing –Persuasive/Opinion writing

Grammar-Quotation Marks review

Reading- Martin Luther King Jr. by Alyse Sweeney

#### *Purple Group*

Choosing a book about Equal Rights and completing a writing assignment.

Students will work on book reports.

**Spelling**

Spelling list 1 – short u words and final clusters

Spelling list 2 -ee and ea words

Spelling list 3- Long e, ei, ea, and ee words

**Reading Groups**

Group 1 – short u sounds, final clusters, /m/ sounds (m and mb), high-frequency words, differentiating vowel sounds in the middle of words, and segmenting phonemics.

Group 2- long e sounds (vowel digraphs ee and ea), matching phonemes, diagraphs, high frequency words, fluency, and idioms

**Read Alouds**

Chapter Book- *The Year of Billy Miller* by Kevin Henkes(I want to thank Tony's family for this book.)

Picture Books- *Martin's Big Words* by Doreen Rappaport and *The Story of Ruby Bridges* by Robert Coles and *Magic School Bus Inside the Human Body* by Joanna Cole

**Project**

We will continue our unit on the human body. We will be discussing cells and creating a Cell Mobile of the different cells in the human body.

**Important Dates:**

January 16- NO SCHOOL

January 19 –Locally Grown meeting at 5:00

Have a great weekend!