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**The Week of Feb. 13th – 24th**

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* We will be working on compound words during phonics the next couple of weeks.
* This newsletter is for this week and next week.
* Homework is not due until February 24th.
* Reminder to have your child bring in their Valentines and their Valentine boxes on Tuesday, February 14th.

**Important Info**

**Upcoming Events**

**Math Challenge of the Week:**We are working on how to round numbers to the nearest tenth (starting Monday, February 13th). Have your child choose a two digit number and then round it to the nearest tenth. They know the rule that if the ones digit is 4 or less, then you round to the lower tens number. If the ones digit is 5 or above, the number gets rounded to the higher tens number. *For more of a challenge, have them do it to the nearest hundreds instead.* Here are some examples:

43 = 40 87 = 90 34 = 30 75 = 80

**Reading Challenge of the Week:** We continue to work on text features of non-fiction books. Have your child find a non-fiction book and identify all of the text features they can. Have them name the book and all of the text features they found (examples: caption, heading, table of contents, labels, glossary, index, bold words, maps, timelines, zoom-in, etc.).

**Writing Challenge of the Week:** We have been working hard on the format of writing a letter to someone. Have your child write you a letter using the correct format. This format can be found at the website below. Feel free to print off the paper and glue/tape it in their homework notebook if you would like. Or you can just use that format on the notebook paper.

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/trcabcwww/pdf/FriendlyLetterTemplate.pdf>

**Feb. 13th** Husky Pride Night (5pm-6pm)

**Feb. 14th** Bring in Valentine Boxes and Cards

 Valentine’s Party (3-3:30pm)

**Feb. 16th – 20th** No School

**Mar. 1st** Reading logs are due

**Challenges of the Week**

**Tech of the Week**

**Website of the Week**: Have your child go to[**THIS**](http://wordville.com/rw/adjectives.html)website to practice adjectives. <http://wordville.com/rw/adjectives.html>

**App of the Week:** [**Main Idea – Sentences**](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/main-idea-sentences-reading/id895686005?mt=8)is a great app to practice main ideas in sentences, paragraphs, and stories! It seems that every year most 1st graders struggle with identifying main idea. This is just a great way to practice this skill a bit more to get ready for 2nd grade! This version is $5.99 but I do believe there is a free version as well.