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**The Week of Feb. 27– Mar. 3**

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**Important Info**

* We will be working on words that have silent letters in them this week (ex: **k**now, **w**rap, gnat, lam**b**, clim**b**).

- If anyone happens to go to Ikea and sees the $5 black stools (picture below), we could use a few in our classroom! 3 of my stools have broken this school year. I would love to get them replaced!
 

Website: <http://www.ikea.com/us/en/catalog/products/10135659/>

**Upcoming Events**

**Math Challenge of the Week:**We have been measuring things around our classroom using cubes and paperclips. If you have a ruler at home, have your child measure things around the house with it. Have them record the objects they measured and how many inches long they were (at least 5 objects). They can just do the nearest inch. *For more of a challenge, have them do it to the nearest half inch or quarter inch.* **Reading Challenge of the Week:** We have been working on categorizing and classifying things while we read a book. For example, we read a book about penguins and it talked about the difference between hot and cold places. So we came up with a list of hot places we know of and a list of cold places that we know of. Have your child categorize and classify things they read about in a book!

**Writing Challenge of the Week:** Let your child free write for 15 minutes without stopping! You might even set up a timer for them. See what they come up with! Did they use periods? Did they use capitals? Did they add some descriptive words? Did they write at least 4 sentences? Did they use a beginning, middle, and end? By this time in 1st grade, the students should be doing all of these things on their own on a consistent basis.

**March 1st** Reading Charts Due

**March 2nd** Spring Pictures (individual and class pic)

**March 10th – 20th** NO SCHOOL

**March 28th** Early Release Day

**Challenges of the Week**

**Website of the Week**: [**THIS**](https://sites.google.com/site/easygrammar4kids/)website is a great resource for grammar! It has TONS of games that have each of the grammar skills we work on in school! <https://sites.google.com/site/easygrammar4kids/>

**App of the Week: [Cramberry](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/cramberry-free-flash-cards/id389191623?mt=8)** is an app where students can create their own flashcards to study different things. This could be used for phonics sounds, addition /subtraction/ multiplication facts, odd and even numbers, etc. Challenge your child to create their own flashcards over something they know a lot about for a sibling to do! This app is free!

**Tech of the Week**