



Our 1st Grade Classroom News



The Week of Feb. 5th - 16th

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Important Info

- Each student needs to make a Valentine's box at home and bring it to school on February 14th (not before). The box needs to be about the size of a shoe box and have a LARGE opening of some kind so students can put their Valentine cards in them. Students can bring in their Valentine cards on the 14th as well!

- We will be working on i_e words along with reviewing a_e and o_e words.

-This newsletter is for 2 weeks. The Challenge of the Week will not be due until February 16th!

Tech of the Week

Website of the Week: Have your child go to **THIS** website to practice coin values and counting mixed coins.

http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/money/fruit_shoot_coins2.htm

App of the Week: **Timbuktu** is an app for kids that has a little bit of everything. There are kid friendly recipes, videos, news of the week, games, etc. It kind of looks like an interactive magazine. It is super fun and informational for them. This is a free one!

Upcoming Events

Feb. 5 th	Field trip to Folly Theater (am) Husky Pride Night (5:30-6:30pm)
Feb. 8-9 th	NO SCHOOL (Conference Week)
Feb. 14 th	Valentine's Party (3:00)
Feb. 19 th -20 th	NO SCHOOL
Mar. 1 st	Feb. Reading Logs Due
Mar. 9 th - 19 th	NO SCHOOL

Challenges of the Week

Math Challenge: I have introduced how to round numbers to the nearest 10 to students (if the 1's place is 5 or more, round up, If it is 4 or less, round down). Have students write down these numbers and round them to the nearest 10. For more of a challenge, have them round larger numbers to the nearest 100!

72 49 56 11 23 88 32 64 97

Reading Challenge: We have been working on finding out how many syllables a word has. Have your child find as many 3 syllable words as they can as they read and make a list of them!

Writing Challenge: We pretended to be 100 years old recently and wrote in the perspective of someone like that! The kids had so much fun trying to figure out activities and words that a 100-year-old would write about themselves! Have your child write in the perspective of Mom or Dad. What kind of words do they use? What kind of activities do they write about while acting like Mom or Dad? Here is an example:

My name is Nadine. I have 2 children. Their names are Ashley and Leslie. I just love spending time with them! I also enjoy going to garage sales and going to thrift stores. It is so much fun to see what I can find! I have a pretty amazing life!