



Mrs. Hunwick's First Facts

Language Arts/ Math

Dear Parents: Happy New Year!

*In reading we continue to work on new strategies each day. Each day the children use the Smart Board to correct spelling, find high frequency words, nouns, verbs, adjectives and count the number of sentences in the morning message.

*The children continue to shop for books and have independent/partner/guided reading time during the Readers' Workshop. We are working on decoding and comprehension skills.

*In Theme Four the children are working on words with **s** blends such as **sp, sn** and **sw**. Also, consonant clusters with and **s**: **sl, sn, sp, sk, sc** and **sq**.

*The **short e** and **short u** sounds are concentrations.

*In Six Traits of Writing we are beginning the fourth trait "Word Choice". In this unit the children will learn to use the five senses to help them write. They will write how

something feels, hears, smells, tastes and what it looks like. They will also learn to use verbs in their writing.

* I will be introducing programs in the computer lab named Raz Kids and FAST Math.

*Our class is proud to represent the January showcase on the first floor. The class created penguins and wrote similes.

*In Chapter 5 we are focusing on Place Value, Number Stories and Basic Facts. The children will investigate concepts for tens and ones, explore two-digit addition and develop the concept of surface area and learn about weighing objects with a pan balance.

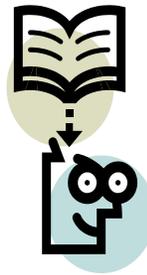
Home Links Due this Week:

Tuesday- 5.1

Wednesday- 5.2

Thursday-5.3

Friday- 5.4



Grow Into Reading!

Science/ Social Studies

*In Science we will begin the Solids and Liquids Investigation. The children will learn that everything in the world is made of a solid, liquid or gas. They will observe objects and label the properties of each object.

*Our class continues to work on Unit 3 "Work! Work! Work!" in Social Studies. We

are working on the "Needs and Wants" portion. We will discuss foods, producers and consumers and how these ideas correlate.

*In Computers the children worked in Tux Paint and created a writing/art piece of their favorite fish. This correlates with the story *The Aquarium* from our anthologies. These are also in the hall.

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Points of Interest:

☺ **On Monday morning- January 14th our class will be taking the math portion of the NWEA test. Tuesday Jan. 25th we will take reading. Please make sure children are in bed by 8:00PM on Sunday and they eat a healthy breakfast.**

☺ Thank you to all the wonderful parent volunteers from our class!!

☺ In order for students to get a new Bag-A-Book they must bring the book back to school in the bag provided with the reading log.

☺ Please make sure children come to school with the appropriate clothing. Snow pants, coat, hat, gloves and boots. Thank you.