

Week of: February 12th

Room #117

Mrs. Krausmann's 1st Grade Classroom News

Important Dates:	Specials for the Week:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 2/13: Jet's Pizza Night 4-8pm. Say you're from Mason when you place your order!● 2/14: Valentine's Day Party 2:00-2:45 *Please see reverse side for details about our Valentine's Day bag project.*● 2/19-2/23: Mid-winter break● 3/3: Willy Wonka Winter Formal @ Parcels 7-9pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Monday: Art● Tuesday: Music● Wednesday: Gym-shoes● Thursday: Library● Friday: Art
<p style="text-align: center;">Weekly Words:</p> <p>Word Family: contractions/homophones Sight Words: n/a Spelling tests are given every <u>Friday</u> on the sight words listed above. No homework packet or spelling test. We will resume when we return from mid-winter break.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Classroom Info:</p> <p>Reading: We will begin focusing on non-fiction books in our new unit called Pursue my Interests. Encourage your first grader to check out some nonfiction books at the library! We will be practicing text features over the next week and identifying new information we learn from non-fiction books.</p> <p>Writing: We are finishing up our "How To" writing unit and we will begin a mini unit for "All About" writing. We will be learning all about penguins and completing graphic organizers that help structure informational writing.</p> <p>Math: We celebrated the 100th day of school this week! We continue to work on measuring in standard and nonstandard ways as well.</p> <p>Science/Social Studies: Students will begin identifying properties of solids including words such as flexible, rigid, smooth, rough, soft, hard, has color, pointed, and flat. We also will focus on the difference between a solid (will not change shape unless</p>	

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you alter it) and a liquid (takes the the shape of what it's in).

Character Building Block (February): Acceptance

Krausmann's Comments:

- **Valentine's Day Bag:** Please send in stickers, foam cut outs, or any other small Dollar Store/craft store decoration that can be used to decorate a brown paper Kroger bag that will be used to store all cards. Bags will be provided for students.
 - Please put all bag decorations in a Ziploc with your child's name & send in by 2/9.
 - Valentine's Day cards: Please only include your child's name on the "from" line. **Do NOT write individual names** per card. This makes it easier for students to pass out their cards.
 - Signed cards may be sent in with decorations or sent in on party day (2/14)
 - We have 27 students in our class
 - Our party is from 2:00-2:45pm
 - Ice Cream Sundaes will be the class treat!
 - The children will pass out their Valentine's Day cards and decorate lunch bags for the **Brown Bag Lunches of Love non-profit. They will also make "Kindness Cards" to go into the lunch bags.** The bags will be filled by others with food.
 - This party will be a very low key party in comparison to the Halloween and the Winter Holiday parties.
- **Valentine's Day Guessing Jar:** On 2/14 our Mason Student Council is sponsoring a Valentine's Day guessing jar. Students can take a guess at how many candies are in the jar and closest guess wins the sweet treat!
Guesses are \$0.25/each or 5 guesses for \$1.00.
**If your first grader is making a guess, please be sure their money is in a baggie with their name. Thank you!*



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