



First Grade Newsletter

February 2024

Dates to Remember

February 7th

100th Day of School

School Board Meeting

6PM - School Library

February 14th

PTA Meeting

3PM - School Library

Valentine's Day – students can bring in cards and treats to exchange. Special healthy snacks welcome!

February 19th - 23rd

KNIGHTS Week

February 26th - March 1st

Winter Break/ No School

Snow Gear

Please send your child to school each day with appropriate outdoor gear for recess: winter coats, hats, mittens/gloves and boots. Students who do not have snow pants or boots cannot play in the snow and must remain on the pavement.



Classroom News

We blinked and February arrived! We have completed a series of mid-year assessments in reading and math and are happy to share that first graders are making very good gains!

An area where every students would benefit from is reading. At this age children should be read to by a family member each day. Picture books, chapter books, the famous Dr. Seuss books - anything and everything is a gift to them! Small black and white flip books are sent home throughout the year that focus on our phonics and spelling patterns. These are wonderful to help guide you as to what level book your child can read. Continuous study of our grade levels sight words are also a must. If you need references, resources, or have any questions regarding how to help your child read at home, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are here for you and happy to help!

Warm Regards,

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100th DAY OF SCHOOL

The 100th Day of School will be on Wednesday, February 7th. On this day, we will explore the many exciting ways we can show 100. If you have time, please send 100 items in a baggie labeled with your child's name on it. Items should be small and easy to come by. Some ideas are:

- Cheerios
- beans
- buttons
- beads



KNIGHTS Week

Being a Knight at Nottingham School is an important job! We celebrate our community standard of being a KNIGHT in our classrooms, through our guidance lessons, and even just walking down the hallway. KNIGHTS Week offers a special time to reflect and celebrate our motto. Talk to your child at home about these standards because KNIGHTS means we are . . .

- K - Kind
- N - Necessary
- I - Inclusive
- G - Grateful
- H - Hardworking
- T - Trustworthy
- S - Safe

Valentine's Day

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 14th with themed activities that extend the concepts we are learning in math and reading.

Students are welcome to pass out Valentine's to their classmates on that day. Please use the list of names sent home from your child's teacher to write out cards before they come in to school.

Mrs. Allen's Class - please bring in an empty tissue box before the 14th.



What Are We Learning?

Science: We will begin our investigations in light and sound. How do they travel and what is it about these energies that are so fascinating?

Math: As we have been studying place value and groups of ones and tens, students are realizing how important it is to REALLY know our math facts. Keep practicing those facts from 1-10 and your doubles facts!!!

Social Studies: Learning about what makes a map and how to read them is an important standard in 1st grade. We look forward to studying our continent, country, state, and town! February also brings our awareness to President's Day and what that means.

Reading: We are becoming Super Sleuths in finding the story elements in what we read. Help your child detect the main character, setting, plot (beginning, middle, end), problem, and solution to the stories they read with you at home.

Writing: We continue to learn about what being a strong writer means. Encourage your child to have their own journal at home where they can write their own stories.

