

Greetings, Room 13 Families!

I hope this email finds you well. Here's a quick update for the week of 1/20-1/24.

Science Fair: The PCR Science Fair will be Wednesday, February 5th. This would be a fantastic way to stretch your child's thinking at home. We already heard wonderful presentations on static electricity and volcanoes that would tie in perfectly for the science fair, but the possibilities for topics are endless. Please note that the application form is due to the PCR office by February 1st, and you need my signature for approval.

Report Cards: Students will be bringing their report cards home next Thursday (January 30th). Please keep the actual report card, but sign and return the envelope on Friday to acknowledge that you received the report card.

100th Day Activity: We will celebrate the 100th day of First Grade on January 31st. I know several students have already started collecting items. Don't forget to think of a way to display your items. For example, if you collect straws, you may want to bundle them in groups of 10. If you choose rubber bands, you may want to tape them onto a large sheet of paper. If you collect soda tabs, you may want to tie them onto a string. The project will be due Thursday, January 30th. We will share on Friday, January 31st.

Monthly Oral Presentations: As your child plans their presentation for February, keep in mind that presentations should last around 5 minutes. This includes presenting their facts, asking their three questions, explaining their visual aide, and answering questions from the audience. This week, students taught their audience about kites, winter fun, Sea World, static electricity, Yosemite, Chihuahuas, volcanoes, and skiing. Way to go, Nathan, Sophia Barton, Tait, Sophia Sandman, Marcelo, Max, Mia, and Katherine! Eli, Danica, and Amanda will share their presentations tomorrow. See the class website <http://firstgradewithmrsbeyer.weebly.com/> for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities: Check out the volunteer sign-ups at <https://mrsbeyersfirstgrade201314.shutterfly.com/>. We'd love to have you join us!

Language arts: This week, we practiced reading and writing words that have the long /i/ and /o/ sounds, as in nice (bossy e), pilot, light, tie, vote (bossy e), no, snow, and boat. We also matched antonyms (opposites) and created our own opposite pairs. Tomorrow, we plan on writing a friendly letter.

Math: We skip-counted by 2s, 5s, and 10s starting from zero or from any other given number. We identified and extended number patterns. Tomorrow, we will tie up the unit with our Quarter 2 benchmark assessment.

Science/Social Studies: We discussed weather vocabulary (evaporation, condensation, and precipitation) and created our water cycle diagrams.

Specials: This week, Mrs. Pahk read The Cart That Carried Martin by Eve Bunting, the story of Martin Luther King Jr's funeral. Mrs. Bentz helped us through Round 2 of the STAR reading assessments. Mr. Wulff helped us add rhythm through drums for the African welcoming song from last week.

Important dates:

- Tuesday, Jan. 28: Site Council; 3:15 – 4:15 (Room 30)
- Thursday, Jan. 30: Report cards go home, 100th Day projects due, Dads Committee Meeting (7:00, MPR)
- Friday, Jan. 31: Weather Rap (1st Grade Musical, 8:30, MPR), 100th Day of School, Collaboration Day (8:10-12:45), Spirit Rally (9:35, Lower Playground)
- Wednesday, Feb. 5: Science Fair (6:30, MPR)

As always, contact me with any questions.

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