

Greetings, Room 13 Families!

I hope this email finds you well. Here's a quick update for the week of 1/27-1/31.

Collaboration Day/Spirit Rally: Tomorrow will be an early schedule to allow for collaboration meetings. We will also have a spirit rally right after recess. Congratulations to Jack, Kelsey, and Isaac, who are being honored for displaying the character trait of responsibility. They remember their duties without being asked, are accountable, try their best, and don't give up easily when others are counting on them. Way to go, kiddos!

Weather Rap: At 8:30 tomorrow in the MPR, the 1st graders would like to perform a few raps and songs for you to show their knowledge of the weather. They've been working very hard, and it's sounding pretty great!

100th Day Activity: Among all of the other activities tomorrow, we will also be celebrating the 100th day of school. I already received 19 amazing collections of 100. The students will tell their classmates all about them tomorrow, plus participate in a few other 100-themed activities.

Science Fair: The PCR Science Fair is next week on Wednesday, February 5th! Your application needs to be approved by me, and the deadline is tomorrow (January 31st). We've had two applications come in so far, and I would love to see a few more. The forms are available on the class website if you need another.

Report Cards: The report cards went home today. If you didn't see your child's, dig down deep into the depths of their backpack. Please sign and return the envelope tomorrow to acknowledge that you received it, along with the usual golden folder and homework. I found it challenging to fit everything that I wanted to say in the tiny box for comments. If you have any questions or would like to meet and discuss anything, let me know.

Monthly Oral Presentations: We start a new round next week! See the class website <http://firstgradewithmrsbeyer.weebly.com/> for the schedule and details.

Volunteer Opportunities: Check out the volunteer sign-ups at <https://mrsbeyersfirstgrade201314.shutterfly.com/>. It's always nice to have a spare set of hands!

Language arts: This week, we practiced reading and writing words that have the long /u/ sound, as in **rule** (bossy e) and **bugle**. We also practiced words that have the /v/ sound. We continued work with writing friendly letters, reviewed punctuation and capitalization, and combined simple words to make compound words.

Math: We are back to adding and subtracting for a few weeks, but this time with larger numbers. We added using a few strategies to make the process easier. We looked for doubles (4+4), doubles plus one (4+5), and ways to make 10 (1+9, 2+8, etc.). We also added three addends (2+8+4).

Science/Social Studies: We watched videos and read nonfiction books about high/low pressure and clouds. We are in the process of making foldable books to show the difference between cumulus, stratus, and cirrus clouds.

Specials: This week, Mrs. Pahk read Children Make Terrible Pets and Press Here. Mrs. Choi helped us design our own greeting cards. In honor of Day 100, Mrs. Bentz showed us how to use KidPix to make groups of 10 stamps to skip count to 100. Mr. Wulff taught us a transportation song called "The Yellow Bus."

Important dates:

-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), Science Fair applications due

-Wednesday, Feb. 5: Science Fair (6:30, MPR)

As always, contact me with any questions.

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