



# First Grade Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's hard to believe it's already February and we are into quarter 3! We just began our spelling explorations so look for a new list each Monday. Spelling tests will be given on Friday and their homework journals are due Friday's as well. As always, thank you for your continued support. Stay warm!



## Reading and Writing

In reading, students will be identifying similarities and differences between two text on the same topic. We will also explore vocabulary and use context clues to help us decipher the meanings of new words. Students will continue to work on writing written responses to comprehension questions in small reading groups. It is important for students to return to the text to provide adequate support.

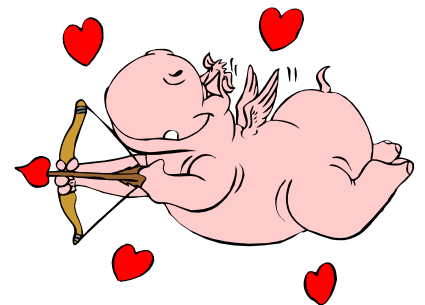
In writing, students will revisit writing opinion paragraphs with strong topic sentences and support evidence. We will also write to inform focusing on organization and conventions.

## Science and Social Studies

In Social Studies we are learning to identify the physical characteristics, physical features, climate, vegetation, and animal life of different continents. We will be using geographic tools to locate and describe a place. In Science we will identify aspects of the environment that are made by humans and those that are not. We will learn about way humans help and hurt the earth.

## Math

Unit 3 is here! We will continue to master our addition and subtraction facts as well as solve a variety of word problems. Students will demonstrate their understanding of addition and subtraction by using different strategies such as draw a model, clap on, doubles, and doubles plus one. Towards the end of the unit we will explore data collection.



## \* Dates to Remember:

- 2/01/11 PTA Mtg @ 7pm
- 2/02/11 Report Cards
- 2/05/11 Parent Social
- 2/11/11 Career Day
- 2/14/11 Valentines Day Parties @ 2:15pm
- 2/21/11 No School Presidents Day
- 2/23/11 Principals Coffee @ 9:30am
- 2/25/11 Mad Scientist In House Field Trip