



February Newsletter



In Reading

- We're about to launch Theme 5 "Heroes," which will tie into our new biography unit that will tie together our reading and writing informative texts.
- We will also continue individual book clubs – with everyone choosing his/her own book to read and having mini-conferences with Mrs. Aker-Minetto. We will be adding a reading response journal (that will be turned in weekly) sometime during this month too!
- Our genre of the month will be Biographies.

In Language Arts

- We are just finishing our "Family Constitutions" and will move on to an informative piece based on the biography of an African-American. We have many activities to help us delve into this new genre.
- We continue to learn about long vowels in spelling. We will also look at the spelling patterns for long i and k sounds. We will also look at homographs – words that are spelled the same, but have different pronunciations and meanings. Examples: live, read, bow, wind, etc.

In Math

- We are working on multiplying 2 digits by 2 digits, dividing resulting with and without remainders, Venn diagrams, rounding numbers, reading ordinal numbers, missing numbers in a sequence, and fractions. Lot of stuff to work on!

In Science/Social Studies

- We are doing a mini-unit on Forces and Motion in science – lots of reading to learn practice and using text features to gain information and understanding of a text.
- Next we will move onto our Social Studies unit on Economics. It is fascinating to learn about MONEY!

SUPERSTARS OF DECEMBER:

- Student of the Week was: Presyilla Amaya on 1/13, Ariel Stapley on 1/20, and Ashleigh Thomas on 1/27 – Congratulations and keep up the good work!
- The Music Notes of the month were: Lydia, Amber, Ray, Ariel, and Krystal! Way to go! Mrs. House and I are proud of you!

REMINDERS:

- No School on Monday, February 20th due to President's Day
- Family Team Meeting – Monday, February 13th at 5:30 PM
- Book Orders due Tuesday, February 21st. Online or send into the class
- Skate Night on Tuesday, February 14th.

- Second Trimester ends on Friday, February 24th. All AR tests and missing assignments must be done by this date.
- Walking Field Trip to Billingshurst (for the drama production) on Thursday, March 1st. More details coming later.
- Report Cards come home on Friday, March 2nd.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns – caker@washoe.k12.nv.us

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