

# Dear Families



## News from the teachers....

We have a lot of celebrations in the month of February. We are celebrating Groundhog Day, the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Black History Month, and Dental Health. We are also going to learn a lot about China and celebrating the culture for the International Festival. Your child will have lots of exciting news from the classroom to share each week about what we've learned. We will also start our Writing Journals as part of our homework along with the sight word recognition work and the daily reading. More information about the Writing Journals will be going home in a couple of weeks. Remember to encourage your child to do their best during their writing development. To help your child, make sure they only write one story (using one sheet of paper) **each week**. Encourage your child to use correct capitalization and punctuation. Although we will be adding to the homework, please remember to read each night and sign your child's agenda each night.

Thank you for your support!

The Kindergarten Team

### February Studies:

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For reading, they will be encouraged to use all reading strategies, work more on being able to identify the main idea, and retell key details of the text that they are reading. Our focus in reading will be to understand non-fiction texts and how that type of genre helps us to gain information about the topic that we are reading about.

### Math

In our math unit, we are working on adding and subtracting, being able to decompose a set of objects within 10 in more than one way and to demonstrate an understanding of making combinations for a given number using pictures and/or equations. They will learn to add and subtract within 5 using mental strategies.

### Writing

We are working on writing "How to..." stories. Their stories will need to have drawings and simple sentences that tell how to do a specific step. They will be using the words that show order (First, Next, Then, and Last) to transition from one step to another. Also, they should have sight words used and spelled correctly, use letters for the sounds that they hear in unknown words, and use a capital letter at the beginning and a period at the end of their sentences.

### Important Dates

February 7-Early Release Day  
February 8 -K-2 Awards Ceremony  
February 9-Report Cards Go Home  
February 10-Daddy/ Daughter Dance  
February 12- Family Projects Due  
February 13- 100th Day of School  
February 15- Class Pictures  
February 24-International Festival 11:00-2:00 Week  
February 26-March 2- Book Fair  
February 27-Progress Reports

### February Family Project

This month our family project will be to decorate a t-shirt, create a poster, or make a banner displaying 100 objects. The project is due on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Have fun!

### Family Connection

Although we will not have a Valentine's Day party, your child's teacher will send home a class list. Your child is welcome to send in Valentine cards for his/her class on February 14<sup>th</sup>.