



January News

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Important Dates

January 12 Book orders due

January 16 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
No school

January 30 and January 31
Teacher workdays
No school (students)



Special points of interest:

- * Remember to read each night and record title in agenda book.
- * Check behavior circle daily.
- * Replenish school supplies as needed.

We want to stress that good listening skills are essential now that our work load is increasing. Please talk with your child about paying attention to directions and asking when they do not understand an assignment.

Fantastic First Grade



Dear Parents,

Happy 2012! It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the school year. We hope you had a relaxing and happy holiday with your family and friends. We are anxious to start this New Year with high academic expectations for your child. January is our month to work hard and move ahead in all academic areas.

In **Language Arts** we will continue to read using guided reading, buddy reading, whole group reading, and in-

dividual reading to teachers and parents. We are stressing strategies to improve your child's decoding and comprehension skills.

In **Writing** we will continue to write fiction and non-fiction. We are working on writing stories that have a beginning, middle, and end using the correct punctuation.

In **Math** we will be working with subtraction and geometry. We will continue to work on solving story problems.

Our 100 Days of School Celebration will be coming up in February.

In **Social Studies** we will be learning about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and discussing how we can make the world a better place.

In **Science** we will discuss the effects of winter weather on us. We will be studying animals coverings and how animals survive during the winter.

Please continue to read with your child nightly and record those titles in your child's agenda. Please continue to review the papers that come home with your child. Your extra attention makes a tremendous difference in your child's learning. This is also a good time to replenish school supplies.

Spelling homework will begin on January 9th. Please take a look at your child's spelling composition book. You will find a label describing the homework for each night. There will be a spelling test every Friday .

Make sure your child has a hat, gloves, and a heavy coat on cold days.

Thank you for all of the support you give to us and to your child's academic program!!

Sincerely,

The First Grade Teachers