



FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

February 3rd – February 7th

I will be out of the classroom for professional development all of Tuesday, as well as Wednesday morning. I will still be available by email if you need to get in touch with me.

New AR reading levels and goals were sent home last week. We are shooting for 100% goal getters again so we can keep the AR trophy for another 9 weeks! Please make sure your child is reading (and rereading) his/her books from the Media Center, as well as returning books in time to check out new books every Monday.

All of our students have now received the Principal's Award! I'm so proud of each of them!

Important Dates

Things are still quiet! 😊

Reading

This week in reading we will focus on story structure. Since we have been working on this skill since the beginning of the year, we are ready to take it to the next level. For example, instead of simply identifying the main character, we will really dissect how the character responds to a challenge and what that tells us about his character traits.

Our phonics skill will be words base words with *-ed* and *-ing* endings. Our vocabulary skill will be homographs, or multiple meaning words. Some homographs, such as *wind*, also have different pronunciations.

Writing

To go along with our phonics skill of base words with endings *-ed* and *-ing*, we will learn an important (but difficult to remember) spelling rule. When you add an ending to a word that has a short vowel and ends in one consonant, you must double the final consonant (ex: *hop* → *hopping*). Please begin focusing on this spelling rule when your child writes at home.

We will also learn about different types of pronouns: Naming- I, he, she, they, we
Object- me, him, them, us
Reflexive- myself, ourselves

Math

This week we will add bills to our money counting mix in order to show amounts over \$1. We will also work on solving word problems involving money. Then, we will move on to telling time! The 2nd grade benchmark is to tell time to the nearest 5 minutes, but I know we can get to the exact minute! One challenging concept is that the hour hand is often in between 2 numbers. Most students want to draw the hour hand pointing directly at a number, but after the 30 minute mark, the hour hand must move in between 2 numbers (Ex: the hour hand would be in between 9 and 10 at 9:30).

Science & Social Studies

Last week we sparked some great discussions about Black History through the use of children's literature. We will continue to learn about several other famous Black Americans, including Jackie Robinson, George Washington Carver and Marian Anderson.

This week we will also begin researching presidents. Although Presidents' Day is still a few weeks away, we are getting a head start! Not only will the students learn facts about different presidents, they will also be learning valuable research skills.