



# FRIDGE NOTES

## Mrs. McBride's Class Family

January 27<sup>th</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup>

We had such an amazing time on our field trip to Sea World last week. We managed to squeeze quite a bit into a short amount of time. Thank you to our wonderful chaperones who kept our group safe and really took charge so I didn't have to worry about a thing! ☺ Thank to Mrs. Nguyen, Mrs. Tryon and Mrs. Licari for providing the snacks and water bottles.

In preparation for February's Black History Month, your child will be bringing home directions for a special Black History project. Each student will research a black American from a given category and create a stamp in that person's honor. This project is a great way to learn about the accomplishments and contributions of black Americans in all fields. Please check the class blog later in the week for project examples.

Congratulations to last week's Principal's Award winner, Arden!

### Important Dates

It's looking pretty quiet around here for right now!



### Reading

This week in reading, we will review all of the skills from the past few weeks and take our Unit 3 Benchmark Test. We will break the test up into smaller chunks and work on one section each day. The first few days will involve reading and analyzing texts. The third day will focus on all of the phonics patterns and rules we have been working on (plural endings; long-a vowel pairs *ai, ay*; long-e vowel pairs *ee, ea*; long-o vowel pairs *oa, ow*; compound words). The fourth and final day will involve reading complex texts and responding in writing.

### Writing

This week we will also take the Unit 3 Benchmark Test on all of the language arts skills we have been working on: compound sentences, quotation marks, proper nouns, abbreviations and editing sentences.

### Math

This week we will kick-off our unit on money and time! We will begin by identifying the different coins and their values and then counting a collection of coins. Developmentally speaking, money is one of the most difficult skills for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Luckily, money is also very applicable to real life, so there are plenty of opportunities to practice at home! Keep a piggy bank of loose change for your child to count. Or have your child count out the change for you at the grocery store. Each of these little experiences will help your child feel more comfortable with the different coins and their values.

### Science & Social Studies

We will continue learning about Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as other famous black Americans, including Harriet Tubman, Ruby Bridges and Rosa Parks. We are getting a jump start on Black History Month, which begins next week.

This week we will also celebrate a special school-related holiday: The 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School! We will celebrate this milestone with some fun 100-themed math and science activities. It's definitely going to be a memorable day for our class family!