



FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

February 10th – February 14th

This Friday, February 14th is Valentine's Day. Please remember to bring in your valentines shoebox by this Thursday, February 13th. Although we will not be having a formal party, we will exchange Valentines and treats Friday afternoon.

There is no school next Monday, February 17th in honor of Presidents' Day.

Telling Time iPad Apps!

We have been using some iPad apps in the classroom to work on telling time. Try downloading them on your iPads at home for some additional practice! There are tons of time apps, but these 3 are free and the kids have really enjoyed them!

- Interactive Telling Time
- Telling Time Free
- My First Clock

Important Dates

Friday, February 14th
Valentine Exchange

Monday, February 17th-
Presidents' Day/NO SCHOOL

Reading

This week we will read a historical fiction book with a strong theme about never giving up. We will discuss how a sequence of events can help characters learn important life lessons. On a side note, we have been reading several historical fiction books lately and the kids LOVE them! I highly recommend checking some out next time you are visiting the library!

Our phonics skill for the week is words with the long-i sound (*i, igh, ie*). For vocabulary, we will learn about antonyms (hot/cold) and how we can use them to increase our understanding of a word's meaning.

Writing

This week we will begin learning about opinion writing. After finishing this week's anchor story in reading, we will work together to write a book review. The students will learn how to share their opinion using the OREO cookie format- Opinion, Reason, Example, Opinion. I like this format because it forces the students to give specific examples that illustrate their reasons. We call this "showing instead of telling" and it makes the students' writing much more vivid and interesting.

Math

We will continue learning about telling time this week. The students have learned how to tell time to the 5 minute mark and we are working on telling time to the exact minute. We will also be working on concepts like "quarter 'till" and "half past," as well as A.M. and P.M. I love seeing the look of pride on their faces now that they have unlocked the secret to telling time! They feel so independent and grown-up because they no longer have to ask an adult for the time. Keep practicing at home!

Science & Social Studies

On Monday we will have a special presentation from the Florida Department of Citrus! "Captain Citrus" will visit our school to teach us all about the citrus industry. This is something so unique to Florida and a great way to incorporate our social studies economics benchmarks in a meaningful, relevant way!

This week we will also continue to work on our presidents research. We will be making PowerPoint presentations to share what we learn.