



FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

January 12th – January 16th

Due to the short week and our field trip, we will not have spelling words or a spelling quiz this week. Instead, Monday night's homework will be a special snowman book report. Check the class blog for more information.

This Thursday, January 15th is our field trip to Sea World! We will leave around 9:30 and return around 1:30. Please send your child to school wearing sunscreen and sneakers. **We are asking that all the students wear their Bay Meadows shirts, or the colors blue and white.** We will eat a late lunch when we return, but will be providing a small snack for the students at Sea World. **Please do NOT send your child with any spending money or cameras.** We will not be visiting any gift shops and I promise to take lots of pictures! ☺

This weekend will be a 4-day weekend! This Friday, January 16th is a Teacher Workday and Monday, January 19th is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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

Important Dates

Thursday, January 15-
Sea World Field Trip

Friday, January 16th
Teacher Workday/NO SCHOOL

Monday, January 19th
MLK Day/NO SCHOOL

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Reading

In honor of the upcoming holiday, this week our reading will be devoted to learning about Martin Luther, King, Jr.! We will read a *Scholastic News* article to collect details about the different ways he worked to create change. We will also incorporate a new non-fiction text feature by learning how to locate important information on a timeline.

This week we will also learn about the different parts of a dictionary entry. We will discuss how each part helps us look up and determine the meaning of an unknown word.

Writing

We will be doing some informational writing using the information we collected about Martin Luther King, Jr. during our reading.

We will also continue working on using quotation marks in our writing.

Math

Last week was spent adding 3-digit numbers. We broke the concept down into small chunks so the students really mastered each step. I was so impressed with how easily the students transferred their knowledge from 2-digit addition over to 3-digit addition. This week we will work on subtracting 3-digit numbers, which is always more difficult, especially when you have to regroup twice. As usual, number stories will be incorporated with each skill and we are continuing to work on identifying and solving those tricky 2-step problems!

Science & Social Studies

We will wrap up our unit on matter this week.

The students have loved learning about the different types of maps and navigating their way around using the various map elements. We will continue to explore different maps, and we will even take a close look at a map of Sea World to prepare for our field trip!

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