



FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

January 26th – January 30th

This week is Celebrate Literacy Week. This year's theme is "Reading Accelerates Success" and it encourages students to connect literacy with all kinds of careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). A big part of Common Core is integration amongst all subject areas. This week we will focus on helping students see just how much they use reading and writing skills in their everyday lives.

This Thursday night is the Spaghetti Dinner! A preorder form went home last week to reserve tickets and seating times. Mrs. Lopez will also be hosting a Book Swap, and Mrs. Houser will have some special student art on display. Come out and enjoy some delicious Italian food from Bravo with your Bay Meadows family!

It's hard to believe, but this Friday is the 100th 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!

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, January 29-
Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, January 30-
100th Day of School!

Reading

Last week we worked on making inferences as we read to "fill in the gaps" and take our reading to the next level. This week we will make inferences to determine character traits and the message of a story.

Our phonics skills will be compound words and words with the schwa vowel sound (along, happen, dragon). A schwa sound occurs in 2 syllable words where one syllable is softer and the vowel doesn't make the long sound **or** the short sound. For vocabulary, we will add the suffix *-ly* ("in a certain way") to our list of prefixes and suffixes.

Writing

This week we will learn about abbreviations. We will practice abbreviating days of the week, months, addresses and names.

We will also continue to work on our narrative writing storyboards about our field trip to Sea World.

Math

This week we will kick-off our unit on money and time! We will begin by identifying the different coins and their values. Since counting coins is really a mental math skill, we will work on skip counting the coins in our head, beginning with the coin that has the greatest value. Developmentally speaking, money is one of the most difficult skills for 2nd 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 coins 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

This week we will be reviewing and taking a test on all of the map skills we've worked on over the last several weeks.

In Science, we are beginning a brand new unit on energy. We will begin the unit by learning about some of the different forms of energy, including solar, sound, wind and electricity.