



FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

February 9th – February 13th

This Friday, February 13th is a BIG day at Bay Meadows! First, we have Jump Rope for Heart during our normal Specials time: 11:40-12:20. This is a day to celebrate living a heart healthy lifestyle! Parents are invited to join us on the P.E. court for a variety of jump rope activities.

Friday afternoon our class family will exchange our Valentines Day treats. Please remember to bring in your Valentines Shoebox by this Thursday, February 12th.

This Friday night is PTA Family Movie Night. We will be showing Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. A big screen will be set up on the P.E. field and there will be food available for purchase. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, sleeping bags and pillows for a movie under the stars with your Bay Meadows family!

There is no school next Monday, February 16th in honor of Presidents' Day.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday, February 13-
 - Valentine Exchange
 - Jump Rope for Heart Specials 11:40-12:20
 - PTA Family Movie Night

Monday, February 16-
Presidents Day- NO SCHOOL

Reading

This week we will be reading a Valentine's Day-themed story: *Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch*. In this story, Mr. Hatch's character traits and feelings are greatly influenced by the major events in the story. We will focus on sequencing events and looking for cause-and-effect relationships that show how he changes throughout the story.

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

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 'til" and "half past," as well as A.M. and P.M. We will take our chapter test on Friday, so be on the lookout for the review homework on Thursday. I love seeing the look of pride on the kids 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 and check the class blog for some fun app suggestions!

Science & Social Studies

This week in science we will transition from energy into lessons on force and motion. We will experiment with moving objects using different motions (push vs pull) and different amounts of force (strong vs weak). We will also explore the effects of friction.