

Happy New Year!



What we are working on in the classroom:

Language Arts

Students are working on using visualizing and asking questions as they read fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

They are also continuing to work on strengthening reading strategies, comprehension and fluency during small guided reading groups and shared reading lessons.

First graders have begun writing short stories focusing on a beginning, middle and end with story elements that include characters, setting, problem and solution.

Math

Students are working on more than and less than as well as addition and subtraction. We will continue to work on telling time and counting money during our morning meeting.

Science

We are wrapping up our unit on measurement. We will begin our unit on weather with a focus on temperature and using a thermometer, and learning all about the different types of clouds.

Social Studies

We will spend January and February learning about the community and community helpers. **If any parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles want to come in and speak about their profession please let me know and we can set up a date and time.**



Important Dates:

January 21 Martin Luther King Day (No School)

January 25: Homework due

SPACE DAY



On Friday February 25, students will blast off from Lake Garda and explore space. The day will be devoted to learning all about astronauts and space. Students can come dressed as an astronaut. Below are several links to help create a simple costume. Be creative and have fun!

<http://www.coolest-kid-birthday-parties.com/astronaut-costume.html>

http://familyfun.go.com/parties/birthday/feature/space_party/

<http://jas.familyfun.go.com/crafts?page=CraftDisplay&craftid=10276>