

# First Grade News

## February



### E/LA:

Students will be working on these comprehension skills while reading:

~ **Fact and Opinion:** a fact is a statement that can be proved and an opinion is what you think about something.

~ **Questioning:** students will ask questions before, during and after reading. They'll distinguish between Thick (requires the reader to think beyond the text) and Thin (quick recall from the text) questions.

~ **Visualizing:** during reading, students will picture what's happening in the text using schema, text-to-self connections, etc.

### Math:

Students are working on:

- \* using place value and skip counting to mentally find 10 more or 10 less up to 120
- \* identifying the place value of a digit in numbers up to 120
- \* using place value to compare 2-digit numbers and record the results using  $>$ ,  $<$ ,  $=$ .

As always, continue to encourage your child to practice math facts!

### Science:

We are continuing our second Science Unit on **Patterns**.

In this unit, students will discover that patterns are everywhere! They will use a Tracks Journal to observe, describe and record tracks made by living and non-living things. Patterns in fingerprints will be analyzed and compared in cooperative groups. We will also explore how a shadow is made and what factors contribute to the size and shape of a shadow.

### READY, SET, READ!

~Continue to encourage your child to participate in Ready, Set, Read by reading every night and completing a writing activity from the journal menu.

### Valentine's Day News:

~ Students are permitted to bring in valentines to hand out to their peers. We ask that students have a valentine for every student in their homeroom class.

### Upcoming Dates:

- Feb. 6 – 10 ... National School Counseling Week
- Feb. 10 ... Two hour and 45 min early dismissal
- Feb. 14 ... Valentine's Day
- Feb. 17 ... School-wide spirit day, Pajama Day!
- Feb. 20 ... Presidents' Day, No School
- Feb. 21 ... No School for students

