

Mrs. Mathews' Class Newsletter

January 2-4

Theme: Kings and Queens

Reading: We are starting a new integrated unit focusing on Kings and Queens. This unit integrates social studies from the common core into the reading curriculum. In the skills portion we are now in Unit 6. The main focus of this unit is now on blending, learning consonant cluster, solidifying letter names and rhyming words. We will start to work with "tricky spelling" with different digraphs and schwas and learn how some letters make more than one sound. This is the unit where the big books that we read as a whole class are now also used in reading groups as independent reads. We will provide ample opportunities for reading practice, repeated oral reading as well as practice fluency and comprehension by using story questions.



Math

We are now in chapter 7 which focuses on representing writing and counting the number 11-19. Remember to do the homework daily at home but do not return it to school. Some of the students are still really struggling with the beginning skills we have already covered. Please take advantage of this time with your student. These concepts are the base for your child's math success in the future.

Other things going on:

*Our last day of school before the Holiday Break is December 20th. There is no school Dec. 21-January 1. School will resume on January 2nd. Happy Holidays!

*Parowan's birthday is coming up on January 13th. We will celebrate this on Monday, January 14th. There will be a program at the high school gym at 9:30 on the 14th. We will be singing and dancing. Please do not plan on taking your student directly from the program. We don't want to lose any children so we have found in the past that it works best if we come back to the classroom as a class after the dancing and then dismiss the students from our classroom. Thanks so much for your help and support with this!

*Just for your information, I will be out of the classroom Jan. 15-18 and there will be a sub here. I am becoming a first-time grandma and I will be in Alaska seeing my new grandson and helping my daughter on these days.

*CLASS LEADER: None due to the short week

*BIRTHDAYS: Damon – Dec. 31st (celebrate on the 2nd)

Ruby – Dec. 27th (celebrate on the 2nd)

Madyson M. ½ birthday – Jan. 4th

