

First Grade News

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Happy Valentines Day! I hope you all have a wonderful week away from school. I am not sending home homework folders for the break. Ideas for homework activities include participating in the reading challenge grid in peechees today, practicing Math on the ZEARN site, writing a journal entry for activities, reading books and taking quizzes on the RAZ Kids site, and practicing shoe tying. Be sure to have your child let me know if they master this skill and have not yet earned their reward shoelaces.

Author of the Week:

Dr. Seuss

The Big Cheese

Lucia was our Big Cheese this past week. She has one older brother and loves Art, Science, and Math. Lucia says she is good at being silly, and her favorite sport is soccer. When she grows up, Lucia wants to be a cook. I'm envisioning a cooking show someday featuring the famous Chef Lucia!

Questions to ask your child:

- *Can you tell me the difference between Informative Writing and Personal Narrative Writing? Which do you like better? Why?
- *What do you know about Abraham Lincoln? Where can you find his picture today? (\$5 bill and penny)

mark your calendar

- We have one week off in honor of President's Day and our Winter break. School resumes on Monday, February 24th.
- The Book Mobile from The Douglas County Library is coming back to MES on Friday, February 28th. If your child has a library card, they may bring it to use. If you completed the application, I was told that they will have a card for them that day.

we are learning

Reading

We have been working on fluency in reading aloud. A few things we have talked about and practiced are reading non-fiction books like a news reporter, and adding expression and drama to all types of books. You may want to ask your child for a demonstration...it is entertaining!

Writing

We worked on our writing assessment for personal narratives this week. I will send a copy home when they are all scored. When we return, we will begin a three week writing unit where we do some research and write about animals to enter a writing contest!

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We are working to finish up our unit about comparing size and measuring. Next, we will do a short unit on using centimeter cubes and rulers to measure and compare length.

Math Questions to ask your child:

What are some rules you need to follow when measuring the length of things?

- Line up the end points
- Don't overlap the measuring units
- No gaps between the measuring units
- The measuring units need to all be the same size

