

February 8, 2019

Dear Parents,

We have made it to 100 days in first grade! We are now we're on Day 103. I cannot believe the year is more than halfway over. It's been a joy to be your child's teacher.

This week, I will continue to administer the DRA reading assessments (The DRAs will take me several weeks to complete due to the class size). **Starting this week, the first grade will be taking the STAR Tests for both Reading and Math for the first time.** STAR Testing is done in the school computer lab and students in Grades 1-8 take them each year. You will be getting the results by the end of February.

I plan on having a small celebration with just the class and myself on this Thursday for Valentine's Day. We will do a Valentine's Day craft and then exchange valentines. **Please send in valentine cards for each child in the classroom with no candy.** Thank you in advance!

Our next Spelling Test is this coming Friday, 2/15. There are 12 words. Please continue to send in those Reading Logs. My hope is that every child is not only getting practice at school but also at home. This time will build strong readers!

The class will also have a Math Test on Two-Digit Addition and Subtraction on Friday, 2/15. We will be having Review Days on Tuesday, Wednesday, and part of Thursday (Valentine's Day) so they will have enough practice to be ready. Please continue to practice the math facts at home.

I sent home the Scholastic Book Orders with your child. There are many great, new books that you can purchase online. I stapled the instructions on the top of the Book Orders. Please remember to use the Class Code: **QKP3J**. **The Online Book Orders are due by February 27th.**

Please remember to send your child into school with a water bottle, their Blue Take Home Folder, lunch/snack, and an appropriate coat.

Sincerely,
Miss Miksad

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Reading/ELA/Phonics: See attached Focus Wall

Math: Students will finish learning about Two-Digit Addition and Subtraction.

Religion: Students will learn about the Parish Community.

Social Studies: Students will continue to learn about our changing world.

Science: Students will learn about Weather and Seasons.

Writing: Students will continue to learn about Opinion Writing.