



Bright Futures
Academy
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First Grade Newsletter

Mrs. Steinberg's News

Happy 100th Day of School! This week was full of fun activities which centered on both Groundhog Day and the 100th Day of School. We incorporated aspects of both occasions into our curriculum (the math and science of sun, shadows, and measurement for Groundhog's Day; tens and grouping tens in math for the 100th day.) We even exercised in sets of ten for PE! Can you hop on your left leg ten times? Learning is best when it's fun! Here's this week's Secret Story:
"ar"

Whenever standing next to each other, "a" will always loan his Super Vowel Powers to "r" so that "r" can say HIS name!
(ex: car, hard, March)

Thanks to those who donated for this week's activities! We could use antiseptic wipes for our class tables.

Miss Zapolsky's News

We finished our unit on Asia and started learning about Africa. We had fun creating our own African masks and learning about the different animals that can be found all over Africa. Next week, we will continue learning about Africa. We had a blast on the 100th day of school! We loved presenting our projects and seeing what everyone created. Just to let you know, starting this month our class will be going to EDU Garden twice a month! We're all excited about this news and we can't wait until we get to go back to the EDU Garden.

This week in math we finished chapter 8 and everyone did a wonderful job with this chapter. On Monday we will be starting chapter 9, which is on length.

Ms. Bayer's News

We had an exciting and busy week! We created and blew up our volcanos on Monday due to several absences on Friday and the students loved it. They know all the parts of a volcano and how the lava helps to create the mountain. We then introduced Africa and celebrated two fun days: Groundhog Day and 100th Day. Ask your child what fun things we did! In Language Arts, we are working hard on word families and sight words to help our reading become more fluent. Keep working on the homework!

In math, we completed our test on chapter 8 and began learning about length in chapter 9. Please continue to practice addition and subtraction facts as we will be doing more chapters using them.

Mrs. Steiner's News

This week we were busy finishing our work on Asia. We wrote acrostic poems about Asia and talked about the different foods and animals we can see in India. We started work on our next continent: Africa and started talking about the amazing animals that live there. We had fun making ground hog day puppet and celebrating the 100th day of school. Starting this month, first grade will be going to EDU Garden twice a month! We have started the 15 spelling word list, 10 new words and 5 review words, and everyone is rising to the challenge!

In math we have had lots of fun learning about length. We used different parts of our body to measure objects around the room. We also ordered objects from shortest to longest.

First Grade Homework

Believe it or not, homework can be fun! First Grade utilizes a "Spelling Word Choice Board" for our Language Arts homework. Your student's teacher will supply the required word lists, but you and your child may choose which activities to complete ... no more squabbling over homework! While we encourage variety, the requirements are simply that your child (with your guidance) will complete any three "choice board" assignments with their spelling words. You must cross off the ones completed, and sign off on the homework page, returning it to school on Friday. Some of the activities cannot be sent to school. That's ok! We still get plenty of samples as the students are sooo excited to show us what they've done! In addition to the spelling homework, you are also expected to complete the Reading and/or Vocabulary sections of the homework. Be sure to sign off on the Reading section to enable your student receives credit. Finally, your child may also receive a math packet from their math teacher. If you have any questions, feel free to jot a note in your child's agenda. Again, we thank you for your support!

Upcoming Events

- Picture Day February 16th!
- Don't forget to purchase your child's yearbook online.
- February 10th: Progress reports go home (as needed)
- March 8th: Early dismissal @ 11.15am



Reminders to Parents

- Check your child's agenda and folder every night.
- Please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle every day, labeled with their name.
- Our classrooms may seem chilly on grey days! Feel free to send a labeled, non-bulky sweater or sweatshirt to keep in their backpack, if needed (no winter coats, please).
- Also, please send your child with a nutritious snack!
- Please be sure to have your students in class by 8:00. Tardiness has an effect on the learning process for your child and the class.

Contact Information

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