

MRS. MCCARTHY'S NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21-24, 2017

Curriculum

Readers Workshop– This week we will read the nonfiction story On the Go. We will learn the vocabulary words active, haul, switch and swiftly. Students will share their connections with the book.

Writers Workshop– This week we will review all of the sight words we have learned so far. We will read the book Cookies Week and students will be prompted to write about something they do during the week. Students are encouraged to reread

their writing and add more each day. Students are encouraged to write two sentences.

Math– In math this week we will use rekenreks to show partners of numbers. Students will deepen their understanding of partners of 10 by playing the unknown partner game along with a card game (listed below).

Theme– Our theme this week is presidents. Students will learn what the president does, and learn about

president George Washington and Abe Lincoln. Students will learn about symbols that represent our country such as the American Flag and Statue of Liberty. We will read the book Duck for President and students will complete the writing activity, "If I were president..."

Need to Know

- ◆ No School—February 20th—Presidents Day
- ◆ No School— March 3rd— Staff Development
- ◆ March 13-17—No School— Spring Break
- ◆ Thank you all for helping our Valentine's Day and 100th Day celebrations go smoothly by helping your child be prepared.
- ◆ I enjoyed sitting down with each of you at conferences. Remember we do not meet again for conferences before the end of the year. Report cards will be sent home late March and early June. You are an integral part of your child's learning and us working together can truly benefit your child. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns as the year progresses.
- ◆ In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday and I Love to Read Month we will celebrate by reading the following books and participating in dress up days.

Monday, Feb. 27th— Fox in Socks—Wear your favorite socks

Tuesday, Feb. 28th—Green Eggs and Ham—Wear green

Wednesday, March 1st— Wacky Wednesday—Wear mismatched clothes

Thursday, March 2nd—Cat in the Hat—Wear a hat

Mrs. McCarthy's Corner

Partners of 10—Card Game

There are many different card games you can play to help your child deepen their understanding of numbers. In the game partners of 10, you will need to remove the K, Q, J and 10 and also have a common understanding that the Ace stands for 1. Start by placing 10 cards face up (5 on top, 5 on bottom). Your child should shout out partners of 10 they see. For example, they might say 6 and 4, 8 and 2! You would then remove those cards they say and replace them with new ones. Your child would continue to shout out partners of 10 until they can't make any more. This is a great game to help your child build a quick recognition of partners of 10.