

# MRS. MCCARTHY'S NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6-10, 2017

## Curriculum

**Readers Workshop**— This week we will start Unit 6 which focuses on making connections. We will read two nonfiction books, Doctors Help and A Day in the Life of a Zoo Keeper. Students will learn the vocabulary words healthy, unhealthy, weak and cared for.

**Writers Workshop**— The sight word said will be introduced this week. As a class, we will write a shared story. The

next day we will re-read the story and add more. Students are encouraged to do likewise in their own writing. Students are encouraged to write 2 sentences daily.

**Math**— We will start Unit 4 this week which reviews and builds on children's understanding of addition and subtraction story problems. Children will continue to work with teen numbers and partners of

numbers.

**Theme**— Our theme this week is Valentine's Day. We will be doing many math activities such as an addition activity, a ten frame activity and a graphing activity. Please look for information being sent home on Monday for details regarding our Valentine's Day Party at school.

## Need to Know

- ◆ Kennedy Family Movie Night has moved to February 10th from 5:30 to 8:30.
- ◆ Conferences and the Scholastic Book Fair are the evening of February 15th and 16th and the morning of February 17th.
- ◆ No School—February 17th (Conferences) and February 20th (Presidents Day)
- ◆ Sunday, February 12th at 6:00 PM at the middle school specialist Grant Snyder will be talking about the importance of internet safety. As technology is being incorporated into your life and your children's life daily, it is important to learn about how to stay safe while using this powerful tool.
- ◆ On February 15th we will celebrate the 100th day of school. I am looking for 10 volunteers to come in and help us with a 100 day activity. The time would be from 9:30-10:30 AM. Please let me know if you're available to help!

## Mrs. McCarthy's Corner

### The Importance of Physical Activity

The benefits of physical activity in young children are many. Here is a few:

- Promotes healthy growth and development
  - Builds strong bones and muscles
- Improves balance, coordination and strength
  - Maintains and develops flexibility
- Improves concentration and thinking skills

Help your child to get physical activity every day. The benefits are truly endless!