

MRS. MCCARTHY'S NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23-26, 2017

Curriculum

Readers Workshop– This week students will hear the story Letter to Amy by Ezra Jack Keats. Students will practice the skill of wondering about a story. We will learn the vocabulary words glance, peer, collide and disappointed.

Writers Workshop– The sight words say and day will be introduced. Students will hear the story I have Feelings and use the prompt "I feel _____ when

_____ " to write. We will also explore the use of periods and how to use them when writing two sentences.

Math– This week students will have continued practice with teen numbers by writing them and showing them with square-inch tiles. Students will also practice identifying shapes in a scene.

Theme– We will continue our space unit this week. Students will learn the

background stories about the following constellations: Orion, Ursa Major, Ursa Minor, Cassiopeia and Cepheus.

Need to Know

- ◆ Conversation with Mr. Latch regarding the ALICE approach- February 2nd–6:30-7:30 PM
- ◆ Kennedy Family Movie Night–February 24th
- ◆ January 27– No School
- ◆ You can now sign up for conferences online using the link sent to you via email. If you do not have access to the internet, please connect with me so I can get you signed up. Conferences are the evening of February 15th and 16th and the morning of Feb. 17th.
- ◆ Please get your child in the habit of using a pencil when doing their homework.
- ◆ If you are able to donate, our classroom could use paper or plastic cups. Please send them to school with your child if possible. Thank you!

Mrs. McCarthy's Corner

10 Reasons why Reading is Important

1. Kids who read often get better at it.
2. Reading exercises our brains.
3. Reading improves concentration.
4. Reading teaches children about the world around them.
5. Reading improves a child's vocabulary and leads to more highly-developed language skills.
6. Reading develops a child's imagination.
7. Reading helps kids develop empathy.
8. Children who read do better at school.
9. Reading is a great form of entertainment.
10. Reading relaxes the body and calms the mind.