

Mrs. Taylor's First Grade Updates

East Fairhaven School

January and February News

Math

In math, we have been working on addition and subtraction strategies. Students have learned how to use a number line, count up and back, and a strategy called touch math.

They have also continued taking Math Minutes each day. Each time they practice the math minute (Monday-Thursday), I will mark the place that they completed up to. On Friday, I keep the Math Minute for a grade. The purpose of the math minute is to help students learn their math facts and to make them automatic. Please practice any unknown facts at home if you notice your child is having difficulty. Thanks!



Science

We have been having a great time with Mrs. Turner's class learning about magnets. Each afternoon the two classes have been combining to perform experiments and learn all about how magnets work. By the end of the unit, students should be able to explain things such as what magnets stick to and what the terms attract, repel, magnetic force, and magnetic poles mean. The students have really enjoyed the activities and have looked forward to our science time each day.



Reading



We have been working very hard in reading. The children are practicing each and every day in a variety of ways. We read charts together, weekly stories as a whole group and with partners, stories in small groups and independent practice. It is very important that students practice reading each day. In our room, the kids each have a chart that lists the levels of books that are appropriate for them. They know how to go to that basket and find books that they are able to read. This independent practice has been something they really enjoy. They should also be practicing at home each night as well.

100th Day

In first grade, we have a lot of fun celebrating the 100th day of school (Can you believe it is already that time of year??). We will complete many fun and educational lessons that day. We will be using math strategies to count groups of 100 things. We will also try to write 100 words we know and read 100 books.

We need your help with one of the activities.

Students will be asked to bring in a project from home to share with the class. They will create a project that includes 100 items. They can be grouped however you would like and can be a mixture of items to equal 100. The project can be set up however you choose, so kids can feel free to be as creative as they'd like.



Important Dates:

February

100 Day project Due	2/2
<i>Grandparents' Day</i>	2/9
<i>Winter Vacation</i>	2/16 to 2/20

Supplies that are always needed:

- Tissues
- Whiteboard markers
- Highlighters
- Snacks (crackers, animal crackers, juice boxes)



MARCH—BABY TAYLOR

As many of you know, I am expecting my first child this March. I know many people have been wondering what will happen in March. We are deciding on a substitute this month. I am involved in the process of picking someone. The person will also join our room a few times before the big day arrives. They will cover my class when needed. We are making sure that the person has experience in the classroom and that they are certified. I will make sure that the person who takes over is someone I trust and that I feel will give the kids the tools they need for second grade. If you (or the students) have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to let me know.

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