

Weekly News

January 29 - February 2, 2018

What we are learning:

- New sight words this week: HE and SHE. All of the Red and Orange list words have now been introduced.
- The students have been doing really well with the sight word colour lists and they seem excited about learning more all the time. Thank you for your continued help at home.
- This week, we will introduce the WH sound (why, what, when,). We will also review the CH, SH & TH sounds.
- We will introduce a new reading strategy: **Stretchy Snake** ~ Stretchy snake reminds us to look at all the sounds in the word (cat - c-a-t). We will also review **Eagle Eye** ~ Eagle Eye reminds us to look at the picture clues to help read the story & **Lips the Fish** ~ Lips the Fish reminds us to look at the beginning sound in an unknown word by getting our lips ready for the first letter.
- In Writing this week, students will be asked to write a story independently. This writing piece will be assessed and sent home in their "Show What You Know" duotangs so you can have a look at their progress. Our focus for this writing sample will be writing a complete sentence and adding spaces between words. We will be attaching the March Writing Checklist so you can see where your child needs to go for the next reporting period.
- In math, due to the short week last week, we will finish up with the unit on comparing quantities. We will continue with our assessments that we started last week to make sure everyone understands more and fewer, as well as, being able to make sets/groups that are more, fewer or equal to another set. We will start to introduce breaking a number into 2 groups (5 is 2 and 3).
- You & Your World: This month we will focus on Self Control as our team trait.

Information Items/Dates to Remember:

- **February 6th and 20th** will be K-2 skating days. Our time is 9:00 - 9:40 on the ice. We will leave the school at 8:30 to have a little time before to get skates and helmets on. Students will need skates and a helmet for these days. The school does have a few extras but not much for sizes. **Let us know as soon as possible if your child will need skates or a helmet and we will do our best.
- **Reminder:** It is helpful if your child has a change of clothes and a couple of extra pairs of socks. Still lots of wet socks and pants this week!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Introduce WH sound - Read Take Home Books	-Introduce HE and SHE - Read Take Home Books	- Read Take Home Books and Practice sight words	- Read Take Home Books and Practice sight words	-Please return Take Home Books. New ones sent home if returned.

Homework Ideas:

- Reading books will be sent home again this week to practice. Please try to spend 5 min a night reading their books. We will begin sending books home on Fridays for those who are returning their books. We realize that weekdays are busy for some of you and you might have more time on the weekends.

- Sight Word Rings: Please practice these a few nights a week. Practice Idea: Make a Sight Word Caterpillar by cutting out circles and taping them on a wall or door. Write a sight word on each circle.



If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call us at the school, send a note in your child's message bag, or send an e-mail.

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