



Ms. Goldberg's March Newsletter



Dear Families,

Wow, it's been a while! I'm happy to be back. Just a reminder to please check the red communication folder and sign the calendar every night. This is a great spot to leave notes for me because I check the calendars every morning.

Important Dates

3/5 Spring Picture Day

3/13 Field Trip to Peter and the Wolf

ELA

This month you'll be getting a new sheet of Word Wall Words. Each week we will focus on 5 new words. Please practice writing, spelling, and reading these words at home every night. I expect all students to spell these words correctly in all of their writing once they're introduced.

Reading Groups:

Just a reminder that Tuesday-Thursday your child will bring a book and a HW assignment home in a plastic bag. Please make sure to listen to your child read this book aloud each night, checking his or her work, and sign the HW paper. We will get back into this routine starting on March 12.

Genre Focus

This month we will begin to explore folk tales from around the world. As we're doing this, students will be identifying all of the continents and oceans on a map. I will be sending home a study guide to help you practice at home.

Writing

Students have begun writing their own informational paragraphs using close reading strategies and the TIDE mnemonic. Each student is working on an individual goal to improve their writing.

Math

This month, we will be focusing on

understanding numbers through 1,000.

Students will learn that our number system is based on groups of 10. We will explore how the placement of a digit in a number tells the digit's value. For example: in the number 563, the 5 represents 5 hundreds. Students will learn to write numbers in standard form (562), expanded form ($500+60+2$), and word form (five hundred sixty two). Students will use place value charts, place value blocks, and draw models to assist them in their understandings.

We will continue to review and learn how to solve one-step number stories. There are 15 different types and we've almost mastered them all!

PLEASE PRACTICE MATH FACTS 0-20 AT HOME EACH DAY, even just 10 minutes a night of Xtra math