



Mrs. Jenoski's Newsletter

February 2022

Important Dates

- February 7th - Report Cards Issued
- February 21st - 25th Winter Vacation

Classroom News



The 100th day of school is approaching! Time flies in first grade when you are having fun! We will take the time on the 100th day of school to explore the number 100. Through our calendar math, we are getting very good at understanding place value of tens and ones. It's important to be able to look at a number and know how it can be decomposed. Ask your child to tell you how many tens and how many ones are in a number. Then ask them to make a number sentence to match the tens and ones. For example, the number 85 has eight tens and five ones. The number sentence would read $80+5=85$

Winter Benchmark Reading Assessments were completed last week. Your child has been flexibly grouped based on their instructional level, as well as skills and strategies that they are working on. Please reach out to me if you have any questions about your child's reading progress so far in first grade.

Your child is expected to reread their guided reading books two times daily. **This is your child's responsibility.** Your child will have an opportunity to apply learned skills and strategies to a familiar text.

Birthdays

Flora - February 2nd



We truly believe in our class that practice makes BETTER!

Math Tip: When subtracting, take the largest number (whole) and break it into a 10 fact. Draw circles to represent the numbers. Then cross out what you are subtracting!

Literacy Tip: Authors use various forms of punctuation to develop comprehension as well as fluency. Your child should be "reading" punctuation. Punctuation is just as important as the words. It tells you when someone is talking, where to stop or pause, and when to use expression. Don't ignore punctuation...it will greatly improve your child's ability to understand what they are reading.



Classroom Health and Safety

Thank you so much to the parents who have been diligent in watching their child's cold/flu-like symptoms. If your child is experiencing more than two symptoms, such as fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat or vomit, please keep your child home and let Kathy Law and myself know.

Kathy Law's email is lawk@worcesterschools.net



Classroom Items in Need

I'd like to thank the parents who have donated to our classroom. Because of you, our classroom can stay as healthy as possible!

We are always in need of the following:

- medical paper masks
- Clorox wipes
- paper towels



What We're Learning

Reading: This month, we will complete our science unit called Feature Factor. Students will work to answer the question "How do animal parents help their young survive?" The cycle begins by having students explore and read about sea turtles. Through reading of texts and viewings of photos/videos, students figure out animals have different features that help them survive. Students also figure out how adult animals help baby animals survive and that all animals do not help their babies in the same way to survive.

February is also Black History Month. There are so many Black Americans who have made a difference for our world. We will read about Harriet Tubman, Ruby Bridges, and Rosa Parks to name a few.

We will explore a text set called Standing Up for Yourself, where fictional characters face problems that they need to overcome. We will learn how characters act and change throughout the stories and ultimately learn a valuable lesson in the end.



Writing: In SRSD, we will soon begin a new topic of writing, Opinion Writing. Opinion writing asks your child to express why they believe something to be true and support their beliefs with reasons. We will learn this through a mnemonic called **TREE**. **T** is the topic where they state what they believe. **R** is the reasons why they believe this to be true, and they are required to have at least three. **E** is the ending or concluding statement. The final **E** is for examine where they check to see if they included all the necessary parts.

We will also learn a fun TREE song to help us remember all the parts.