



# March News

## Mrs. Palumbo



I hope that you all had a wonderful and restful Winter vacation. The students came back excited to share all the fun they had over their break.

Information about our school wide Read-a-thon has been sent home. Please make sure to sign your child up using the link/QR code provided. Students are always welcome to borrow a book from our classroom library for their nightly reading. Please make sure to have your child track their reading. Every little bit counts! If you have questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to email me at [palumbom@worcesterschools.net](mailto:palumbom@worcesterschools.net).

### Math

We are currently working on adding and subtracting within 1,000. Students are using place value blocks, draw/model, and standard algorithm as some of their strategies to solve. We will also work on word problems that involve solving using addition or subtraction within 1,000.

We will then move on to a focus on fractions. Students will learn to partition a shape into equal size parts and label fractions. We will also work on represent fractions on a number line as well as represent fractions that are greater than 1 on a number line. Students will also work on solving number stories that involve fractions.

### Happy Birthday!!

March 11- Joseph  
March 21 -Eva



### ELA - Reading, Writing, Phonics

This month we will begin a new shared reading book. We are reading a biography about Martin Luther King Jr.. Throughout the book we will notice and discuss story elements in a biography. We will also focus on important vocabulary words as we are reading, we will discuss meaning and use these words to expand our vocabulary. We will discuss Martin Luther King Jr. and the impact that he made on the world. Students will explore segregation and integration. We will also talk about the importance of the manner in which Dr. King worked towards these changes. He used his words to try to change people's minds peacefully. Students will complete a reading response each day in their writer's notebook.

Writing-Students will continue to work on narrative writing. Students are using a story elements graphic organizer to plan their writing. They are also working on using descriptive details and exploring word choice to make their stories more interesting. We are also working on including dialogue and using quotation marks appropriately when writing. Students will also explore and begin to use "strong starters" to grab a reader's attention.

Phonics- Students will explore various rules for adding a suffix to a word. We are currently working on adding a consonant for a word with one vowel, one consonant after the vowel and one syllable.

### Science/Social Studies

**Science-** Students will continue to investigate and make predictions about the weather through careful observation of clouds and wind. They will also learn to differentiate between weather and climate.

**Social Studies-** Students will study Pilgrims and describe the unique traits and circumstances of the Pilgrims. Students will also explore Plymouth Colony.

### Important Dates:

March 2 - Read-a-thon Begins  
March 9- Book Orders Due