

Kindergarten Korner

February Newsletter

Fundations & Handwriting:

We will finish working on unit 2 and begin working on unit 3. In this unit we will separate sounds in a word. Students will work on blending sounds to form words. Students will be able to blend and read three-sound short vowel words. Examples of three-sound words are mat, pet, pig, hot, and fun. We will also work with rhyming words.

Reading Workshop:

Please read with your child **every** night.

We are finishing the unit on building stronger reading muscles. Students are using a variety of strategies to help them read and figure out the text in books. Students will teach themselves and their partners to use all they know to read. Students are encouraged to read their book baggies every night and please bring them back to school the next day.

Writing Workshop:

Students will continue to model their stories after great authors. We will be reading quality literature to enhance student's stories. Students will be working on the unit of How to stories. Students are encouraged to write about their February break. Students will be given the opportunity to choose their favorite piece to publish. Please remember to have your child sound out words when writing and reading at home. Those are the sounds you hear in apple.

Health:

February is Dental Health month. This month we will be reading books and doing activities that promote good dental hygiene. It is important that your child brushes at least two times a day and visits the dentist two times a year. We will also be learning about nutrition and exercise to keep healthy. Please remember to send your child with a healthy snack.

Reminders:

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Physical Education:

Our next unit will be an assortment of cooperative group games and activities that focus on and incorporate teamwork, cooperation, sports skills, nutrition, spatial awareness and loco motor movements. We will finish February with our obstacle course. Our obstacle course incorporates gymnastics and motor skills through a safe but challenging assortment of obstacles. We will continue to explore how our bodies work, identifying our muscles, improving upon fitness levels; continuing to build upon the understanding of how important healthy habits are to an optimal life. As always we ask that your child come to the gym prepared with sneakers, as well as refraining from wearing any jewelry.

Math:

We will be celebrating our 100th day of school. The 100th Day will be on February 13. Please have your child dress like they are 100 years old on this day. All of the classes will be doing a number of activities to celebrate. We will count by 1's, 5's and 10's to 100. We will be graphing 100 objects. In addition to celebrating the 100th day of school we will continue to be working on sets of numbers and making sets.

Social Studies/Science:

There are many holidays in February. We will begin by discussing Groundhog Day and make predictions about the groundhog. Next we will learn about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. In celebration of Black History month, we will be reading books that highlight important African Americans.

The students will continue to learn about the importance of understanding weather. We will observe and discuss weather features. We will observe weather changes from day to day and discuss why the weather changes, the cycle of the seasons and the effect weather has on people, plants, and the earth. When observing weather features the children can connect to patterning and graphing! Students will also use their five senses to explore the world around us. We will begin talking about the Science Fair. Get your ideas ready and help make this year's expo the best at Coram.

Music: In the month of February, the Kindergarten classes will be learning how to play the drums in a drum circle. We will do a few different types of drum circle activities. Toward the end of the month the children will have an opportunity to play the wooden xylophones while learning about steady beat.

Library:

Students will be reading familiar folktales and fairytales such as The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Little Red Hen, Jack and the Beanstalk, and many more. Why not share your favorite with your child.

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