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First Grade Newsletter

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Core Virtues Foundation

Core Virtues:

Courage: Doing what is right in the face of fear; moving beyond fear; finding the strength to venture and persevere.
Generosity: Giving without thinking about getting

Core Sayings:

"AM & PM"
"Hit the nail on the head"

IMPORTANT DATES

1/14 & 1/15 Parent Teacher Conferences. **Students dismiss @ 11:30.**

1/16 100th Day of School!

1/19 MLK Day. No School!

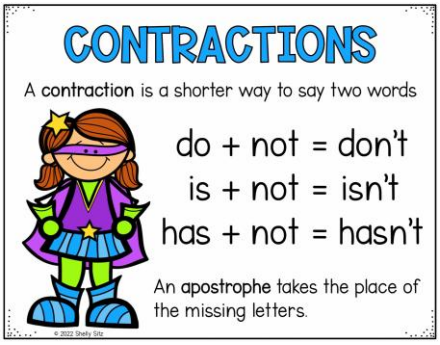
1/21 Specials Day

What we are learning the week of: Jan. 12 – Jan. 16

English Language Arts

Phonics: Review of sounds

Grammar: contractions



Writing: Personal Narrative & sentence practice

Reading: In Class reader – Fox and the Grapes, Phonics fluency and poems

Math

Students spent some time reviewing addition and subtraction. This week students will be solving word problems using numbers up to 20.

Students will be using math manipaulatives and playing different games to help master this new skill.



Keep practicing your math facts! Students are loving Mad Dog Math!

Listening & Learning

Students will continue learning about the Solar System.

Key points: stargazing and constellations, the moon and their phases, space explorations and astronauts.

Vocabulary:

ancient

counterclockwise

launch



Core Knowledge is #1!

We get it done with fun!!
Hands-on, Right on! Integrated Science, Social Studies, Math, and Language Arts!

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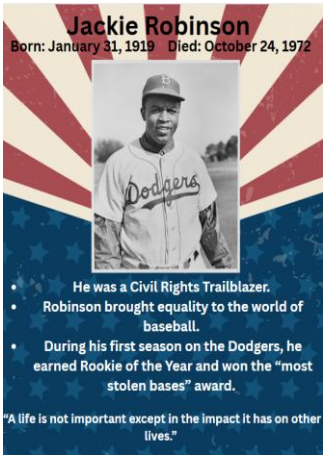
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Important information for: January 12th-16th

Core Knowledge

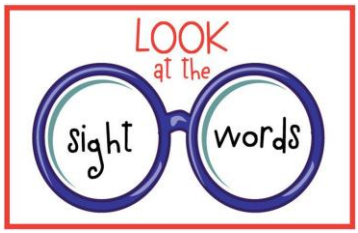
Songs: Michael, Row Your Boat Ashore
Stories: The Legend of the Jumping Mouse, The Best Kind of Gift, and Stone Soup
Poems: Wynken, Blynken, and Nod

This month's American Hero!



Sight Words

before
line
right
too
mean
old
any
same
tell
boy



To help build your child's fluency, they must master these words.

Reminders

- Uniform Reminders
  - Jackets must be red or navy blue
  - Jeans must be long with no designs
  - Jeans and pants cannot have frayed hems, holes, or cargo pockets.
  - Socks must be red, white, or navy blue.
- Water bottles must close. The straws need to fold down to help minimize spills.
- Please provide your child a healthy snack in the morning. We want to make sure their bellies are full to finish up their learning before lunch!



On Wednesday and Thursday the 14th & 15th, **Students will dismiss at 11:30 am.**
There will be **NO** aftercare.
If you have not signed up for a conference, please reach out to your child's teacher.