

Mrs. Smith's Smidgens

Issue #17

January 9, 2026

Final Silent "e"

The 5 jobs of final silent "e" handout was placed in your student's baggie book bag on Thursday. I recommend keeping it in there as a quick reference when final silent "e" words are encountered during baggie book reading.

Spelling Tests

Remember, Spelling tests begin on Thurs., Jan. 15. More details may be found on Page 2.

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school, parents! It was so nice to be greeted with smiling faces and heartfelt hugs Tuesday morning and afternoon! We eased back into our school routine this week. However, Monday we will "hit the ground running" and get back to "business as usual."

From Mrs. Campos

"Students need to have good PE shoes on Tuesdays for PE. With the winter weather finally here, I thought I reminder would be good as we start the new semester."

Curriculum

Math: This week lessons included number words for 0 to 10, 11 to 15 and 16 to 20. Next week we order numbers 11-20, learn more than or less than, and have the Chapter 7 Test.

Core Knowledge: Next week students will experience "hands on" magnet exploration. Each day they will "play magnet games" (as students in the past have called it!)

Spalding: This week we reviewed and wrote all 42 of our phonograms. Next week students will learn "ng" and "ea."

Language Arts: Identifying rhyming words, practicing phonemic awareness, listening and watching for words with 2-letter phonograms, handwriting, learning future Spelling words, listening comprehension skills and reviewing for phonogram and spelling test

Read Aloud Books: A Brand-New Year, the mini book students worked on in class this week and Magnets: Pulling Together, Pushing Apart by Natalie M. Rosinsky

Important Dates

Mon., Jan. 12

2nd Semester Begins

Thurs., Jan. 15

Hearing and Vision Screening

Mon., Jan. 19

NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tues., Jan. 20

1st Semester Report Cards Go Home

Thurs., Feb. 12

Class Valentine Parties

Mon., Feb. 16

NO SCHOOL
Presidents Day

Fri., March 6

Parent/Teacher Conferences (by appt.)

Fri., March 20

In-School Field Trip
Cheyenne Mountain
Zoo Mobile
(8:15 am-12:15 pm)

Mon., March 23 -

Fri., March 27

NO SCHOOL
Spring Break

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Taught

2 and 3-Letter

Phonograms

sh, ee, th, ow, ou, oo,
ch, ar, ay, ai, oy, oi,
er, ir, ur, wor and ear

Sound in a Sack

Jan. 13-15

“o”

I'd like all students to write
their own clues, even if it's
only copying your writing.

Phonogram and Spelling Test

Our first phonogram AND spelling test will be Thurs., Jan. 15th. The test will include 5 phonograms (two 1-letter and three 2-letter) and 5 spelling words from our “Spalding Notebook.” Each week the phonograms and spelling words for the following week will be posted in our newsletter. We will have focused practice on the phonograms and spelling words during the week of the test. Wednesday your student's practice test will go home in their backpack.

Proper TCA handwriting, including correct strokes and letter formation, will be expected. Any handwriting errors will be marked.

The test on Thurs., Jan. 15th will include

o	c	sh	ee	th
me	do	and	go	at

Assessments and Report Cards

End of First Semester assessments have begun! Results from these assessments, Middle of the Year (MOY) DIBELS Testing and other academic and behavioral information will be shared in your student's First Semester Report Card. The report card will be sent home Tues., Jan. 20th. Please sign and return the large white envelope the reportcard will go home in ASAP. You KEEP the report card.

Book Reminders

Baggie books are to be returned to school on WEDNESDAYS. Library books are to be returned to school on THURSDAYS. If not returned then, a new book cannot be issued or checked out.

Something to Ponder

*"What the new year brings to you
will depend a great deal
on what you bring
to the new year."*

Vern McLellan

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