

Mrs. Smith's Smidgens

Issue #19

January 23, 2026

Report Cards

Report cards were sent home on Tuesday. You are to keep your student's report card as well as all the other paperwork that was sent home in the envelope. However, you need to sign and return the large white envelope those items were in to school ASAP. Those envelopes will be used again for your student's End of the School Year Report Card.

January Character Trait

Curiosity

Learning by exploring and discovering

The Wright Brothers are perfect examples of curiosity. Ask your student to share with you what they learned about these inventors this week!

The highlight of our Wright Brothers studies might have been experimenting with our "hand helicopters" on the playground. Hopefully that fun will continue at home this weekend!

Curriculum

Math: We began Chapter 9 Number Bonds this week.

Core Knowledge: The Wright Brothers, America's aviation pioneers, were studied this past week. Monday we will finish that study by drawing and writing about them in our Kindergarten History Journals. Then we begin a new history unit, The Mount Rushmore Presidents.

Spalding: Students were taught "aw, drop your jaw" and "au, not used." Next week I will introduce "or, the only phonogram that is a word" and "ck, 2-letter."

Language Arts: Rhyming words/word families, phonemic awareness, listening and watching for words with 2-letter phonograms, learning future Spelling words, listening comprehension skills, writing CVC (consonant vowel consonant) words and reviewing for our 3rd phonogram and spelling test

Read Aloud Books: The Wright Brothers by Emily James

Important Dates

Thurs., Feb. 12

Class Valentine Parties ♥♥♥
10:30-11:30 AM Class
2:30-3:30 PM Class
Party information will be sent from your Class Party Coordinator soon!

Mon., Feb. 16

NO SCHOOL
Presidents' Day

Fri., March 6

Parent/Teacher
Conferences
(by appt. only)

Fri., March 20

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

Fri., March 20

1st Day of Spring

**Mon., March 23 - Fri.,
March 27**

NO SCHOOL
Spring Break

Mon., March 30

School Resumes

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Taught

2-Letter

Phonograms

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

Sound in a Sack

Jan. 27-29

“qu”

Thank you, parents, for helping your student write their three Sound in a Sack clues.

Phonogram and Spelling Test

Our third phonogram and spelling test will be Thurs., Jan. 29th. The test will include the following 5 phonograms and 5 spelling words:

f g ch ar ay
can see run the in

Coins

This week we began learning about and counting coins during our daily Math Meeting. We will spend one more week on pennies. Do you have any pennies at home for your student to count and/or tell you about?

Snow Boots

I've had numerous questions about wearing snow boots to school. Students may wear snow boots to school. We try to go outside for recess most days unless it is too cold or too icy. However, only students who wear snow boots are allowed to play in the snow.

Math Centers Day

Thursday, February 5th

AM Class 8:30-9:30 PM Class 2:30-3:30

I am looking for volunteers to come help me with the 4 math-related centers that all students will be visiting for Math Centers Day. Please email or text me if you'd like to help! Volunteers must have a cleared background check. No siblings allowed.

Something to Ponder

*“The only way
to learn mathematics
is to do mathematics.”*

Paul Halmos
Hungarian-American Mathematician

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