

MRS. CARTER'S KINDERGARTEN

February Newsletter 2017 -Week 2

Sight Words

1. Were
2. About
3. May
4. So

Upcoming Events

This Week: DPI Math Assessment
Feb. 15: Early Release 12:45
March 9: Perusing in Pajamas
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Notes from the Teacher

(Repeat)Valentines: Although we are not having a party for Valentine's Day, we are having a Valentine Card Exchange on Tuesday, February 14. You can choose to purchase pre-made Valentine Cards, or you can make Valentine Cards! My only rule is that if you do choose to buy or make cards to bring to school, your child must bring in one for *everyone* in the class. I have encouraged students to also write the names of their friends on the cards (it's great practice!) ...but, you can also bring in blank cards with just the "from" section filled out with your child's name. Then, your child can simply give one to everyone. (There are 20 children altogether). A class list is on the next page!

(P.S. Candy can be attached to the card if you'd like, but we will not be opening cards or eating candy in class. However, stickers, tattoos, etc. are preferred over candy☺) -More—→

Academic Focus/Skills for the Week

<u>Words</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Social Studies</u>
* Medial Sounds in Words * CVC Words * CVCV (Long A Words) * Sounding Out Words * Blends	* Sight Words * Characters/ * Setting * Beginning, Middle, End * Rhyming * Literature * Decodable Books * Nouns * Non-Sense Words	* Spaces b/t Words * Drawing details * Writing Dictated Words/ Sentences Correcting Sentences	* Numbers 1-20 * Greater Than/Less Than/Equal to * Graphing/ Analyzing Data * Addition & Subtraction * Composing Numbers	* Tracking Weather * States of Matter (Solids, Liquids and Gases)	* Culture * Citizenship * Geography & Environmental Studies (Using Maps, Positional Words, and understanding physical features)

Boys		
Aseal	Obed	Frankie
Kaleb	Jordan T.	Raistlin
Chris	Easton	
Kurt	Nashir	

Girls		
Amy	Rose	Tatiana
MaKiah	Jordyn H.	Bailey
Autumn	Emma B	
Hayleigh	Emma H.	

Notes From the Teacher Continued...

- ♥ **Reading Folders:** Reading Folders are being sent this week, freshly stocked! Remember, to read each book at least 3 times a week to build fluency, then ask questions about the character, setting and details about the beginning, middle and end! Don't forget to ask more abstract questions too, like "what may have happened if...?" and give an alternate ending or change an event. Doing these things, paired with practicing sight words, are the most powerful things you can do to help your child grow as a reader.
- ♥ **Response to Text (inside Reading Folders):** Once your child reaches a certain Reading Level (usually D or above), I will be sending home a little Response to Text inside a book or two in the Reading Folder. Encourage your child to read the question themselves (with your help if needed,) and answer in writing, using complete sentences after he or she has read the book several times. This will help improve comprehension. Once students get to higher levels of reading, responding through writing is a requirement, and they cannot reach higher levels without responding in writing, using proof from the text, adequately. If you have questions about higher levels of text, feel free to ask at conferences!
- ♥ **Kiss-O-Grams:** Check out the Kiss-O-Gram half sheet that came home in your child's folder. Your child can buy their friends and teachers a card/Hershey Kiss that will be delivered on Valentine's Day up until Monday, February 13th. Kiss-O-Gram money can be sent in a labeled envelope or baggie, and your child can buy their Kiss-O-Grams in the mornings in the main lobby before the tardy bell rings, or in the Library all day.

Don't Forget...!

- ♥ The BES Yearbook is on sale! Ads are also being sold to businesses and parents, also! For more information, contact Ms. Tharrington in the Media Center.
- ♥ Gym is now on Wednesdays! Wear Tennis Shoes!

Now Accepting Classroom Donations!

Our class is in need of a few items. Donations would be appreciated!

- Zip-lock Bags (Quart Sized)
- White Lunch Bags and Valentine Stickers (For our upcoming Valentine Exchange!)

**Just place the item(s) in your child's book bag and let him/her know to drop them off to Ms. Williamson or myself in the morning (we don't get a chance to check book bags, and the kids enjoy dropping off goodies!)