First Grade News

The Heights Community School

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**Conferences:**

Thank you for coming to your child’s conference. We had 100% of our families!! Thank you for all your support.

**Cold Weather:**

The cold weather is here! Please dress your child in winter clothing for playing outside. We will go outside everyday unless the wind chill is below 0. Your child needs a warm jacket, hat, mittens, boots and snow pants. **Please have your child bring boots and shoes to school. If they only have boots they will still need to stay on the sidewalk; the field is muddy and we don’t want the mud on our carpet.** Labeling your winter clothing will help if it gets lost.

**Reading:**

Next week the book we will be reading is Spider. The objectives for the week are:

* Students will use what they already know to ask questions.
* Students will make connections.
* Students will interpret charts and diagrams to find new information.
* Students will use what they already know to figure out the meaning of unknown words.
* Students will find new facts.

Please make sure your child returns their book bag daily. If their book log is filled out and signed they will come home with a new book. It is important for your child to read with you every night; beginning readers need to practice daily.

**Phonics**

**New Words:**

**going all from no**

**so be but how**

**where after**

**Review Words:**

**I a am see can the**

**come here big like this my what saw play are said go to**

**not do up have**

**little for we on with that she he**

**by your very**

**Writing:**

We are writing How To books.

Students will work on:

* Introducing a topic.
* Write steps in order to teach about the topic.
* Explain the steps with facts and details.
* Writing a conclusion.

They will continue to work on:

* Leaving spaces between words.
* Including punctuation (periods, commas).
* Using lower case and upper case

letters appropriately.

* Stretching out familiar words.
* Using word chunks.
* Using the word wall.

**Math:**

We will continue working in Unit 3 until winter break. We will be working on the following High Priority Standards:

* Solving addition and subtraction problems, including word problems.
* Skip counting by 2’s, 5’s, and 10’s.
* Counting up and back from any given number.
* Subtracting by counting back, and add by counting forward.
* Identifying coins.

We are working on using number lines, number charts, pictures, and/or other means to show their understanding.

Please help your child by practicing addition and subtraction facts daily.

**Upcoming Events:**

**December:**

**12/8:** Saints North Roller Skating

6:00-8:00

**12/12:** Movie night at the plaza; 6:00

**12/21:** CARES Program – 2:00

**12/22-1/2: NO SCHOOL**

Winter Break