First Grade News

The Heights Community School

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**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 label your child’s outerwear.

**Reading:**

On Monday and Tuesday after break we will review the expectations of Reader’s Workshop. We will then use books to help us with math facts +0 and -0.

Please read with your child every night during winter break. Beginning readers need the consistency of practicing daily, even on days off.

Have your child retell the story in order. If it is non-fiction, have him/her tell you 3 facts they’ve learned from the text.

**Phonics**

**Review Sounds:**

Th sh ch y qu

**New Sounds:** After winter break we will begin working on vowel combinations.

**a\_\_\_e – cake**

**ai – train**

**ay - tray**

**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**

**going all from no**

**so be but how**

**where after often**

**make day went**

**pretty four jump**

**down good**

Please review sight words over winter break. You can help your child use sight words by developing sentences with a capital letter at the beginning of the sentence and punctuation at the end of the sentence.

**Writing:**

After winter break, we will be starting our Question and Answer Unit. Students will be focusing on:

* Exploring different kinds of nonfiction books.
* Thinking about nonfiction text features – headings, labels, table of contents...
* Choosing a topic of interest.
* Writing several question and answer books.

You can help your child prepare for this unit by helping them think about things they already are an “expert” on. First graders usually know a lot about different kinds of animals.

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 be working on Unit 4 after break. Focusing on:

* Reading numbers to 120.
* Writing numbers to 120.
* Representing numbers to 120 in different ways.

You can help your child prepare for unit 4 by practicing identifying and writing numbers to 120.

Continue to work on counting by 2’s starting at any even number, 5’s starting at numbers ending in 0 or 5, and 10’s starting at any number.

Also, practice addition and subtraction facts daily. It is a first grade standard to know facts automatically.

**Upcoming Events:**

**December:**

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

Winter Break

**January:**

1/9: Movie night at the Plaza

6:00

1/11: Open House for New Parents

10:00-11

1/12: PTA Meeting – 5:00-7:00

1/16: NO SCHOOL

1/20: Chuck E. Cheese – 3:00-9:00

1/25: C.A.R.E.S Program

9:30 K-2

Multicultural Night – 5:30

1/27: NO SCHOOL

**February:**

2/10: Saints North Roller Skating

5:15-7:15

2/13: African American Parent Involvement

Day

Movie night at the Plaza

6:00

2/20: NO SCHOOL

2/22: Chat with the Principal – 8:45

C.A.R.E.S Program – 2:00

2/23: I Love to Read Family Night

5:30-7