First Grade News

The Heights Community School

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**Valentines Day:**

We will NOT be celebrating Valentines Day at school. Please do not send cards or candy to school with your child.

**Spring Concert Date:**

Please save the date! Friday, May 19th at 9:30 is our spring concert.

**Cold Weather:**

Remember to send your student with both boots and shoes to school.

**Reading:**

Next week the book we will be reading is What’s Cooking. Lessons will focus on predictions, describing words, sorting words into categories, and reading words in quotations to sound like talking.

When your child reads to you each night have your child talk about story elements: retell the story in order of events, characters, setting and problem/solution.

If it is non-fiction, have him/her tell you 3 facts they’ve learned from the text.

**Phonics**

**Old Sounds:**

**a\_\_\_e – cake, ai – train, ay – tray**

**i\_\_\_e – bike, ie – tie, \_\_y – fly**

**igh – light**

**New Sounds:**

**o\_\_\_e – bone, ow – bow, oa - boat**

**New Words:**

because many some

**Review:**

make day other

went away out

why there 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 of where

they about find

Please continue to work on sight words with your child. 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:**

This week we started our Book Recommendation unit.

Students are expected to…

* Form an opinion about a book and give a reason for that opinion.
* Introduce and focus on a topic.
* Write a conclusion.
* Continue to work on using periods, question marks and capital letters.
* Use letters for most consonant and short vowel sounds and spell simple words phonetically.
* Using lower case and upper case

letters appropriately.

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

**Math:**

In math we continue to work on building automaticity when working with facts. This week worked on math facts - adding 10 to a single digit number and subtracting 10 from a number.

We are starting unit 5. Students will work on identifying and extending number patterns. (When given a pattern of numbers, students will identify if they add or subtract to find the next number.) We will also focus on place value and solving number stories.

As always, we appreciate your help in maintaining or improving your child’s skills in math.

Please continue to practice counting by 2’s, 5’s and 10’s with your child. Also, please practice addition and subtraction facts at home daily. It is a first grade standard to know facts automatically.

**Upcoming Events:**

**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