



Mrs. Joyce's Newsletter

Week of 2/2/2015

Important Dates

Monday, February 2nd – Assignment Due – Please bring in a baby picture and a baby outfit (if possible)

Monday, February 9th – Timeline Assignment Due

Thursday, February 12th – PTA Science Expo

Friday, February 13th - Early Release Day and our class will exchange valentines!! ☺

Q3 Specials

Monday: Technology
(Students are also able to check out books between 8:45-9:15 AM.)

Tuesday: P.E.

Wednesday: Art

Thursday: Music

Friday: Guidance

All specials will be from 1:00-1:45.

Reminders

Please pack a healthy snack each day. ☺



Curriculum News

Welcome Back!



Literacy:

This week we will be celebrating Groundhog Day and practicing our literacy skills with fun groundhog activities. We will begin guided reading again this week while the children work on their literacy centers. The students at computers will get to use a really neat new program on the computers called "Big Universe!"

Writing:

We will begin "How To" stories this week!

Word Wall Words to Practice: I, a, am, the, like, is, me, to, my, see, and, at, can, go, an, look, come, on, you, it, here, said, it, play, we, and, will, up, for, he, she, was. **When your child practices these high frequency words at home pay special attention to correct letter formation. Efficient letter formation is an important gift that we can gently, yet firmly help our kids to acquire in kindergarten.**

Your child needs to be able to write and read these words in a snap automatically or "in a snap"!

Social Studies: This week we'll begin a new unit about "Change Over Time". Students will explore how people and the environment change over time, developing historical concepts of past, present, and future. We will begin this unit by exploring how we have changed from a baby to now.

"Children who read the most, read the best!"

– Jim Trelease, The Read Aloud Handbook

Common Core Challenge! Can you...

- ...make a valentine poem using rhyming words? (RFK2a)
- ...pick a book and decide why the author wrote it? (RIK 8)



Our "Captain of the Week" this week is Hailey!

Congratulations, Hailey!

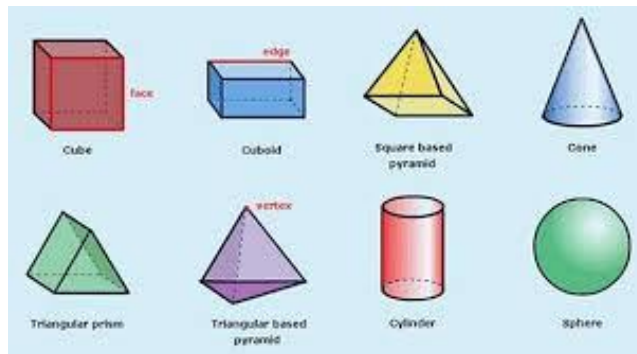


Please remember to check the **GREEN ALLIGATOR** folder daily. Remove anything in the "Keep at Home" side and check the "Return to School" side for important notes/info.

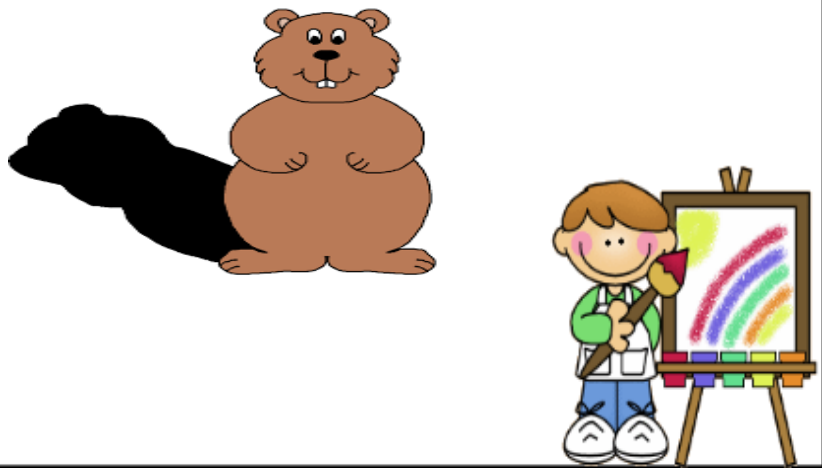
BLUE homework folders are turned in on Fridays (with homework for the week included).



Math: We will be reviewing 2D shapes and working with 3D shapes this week. Be sure to check your child's gator folder each night for shape and addition homework from Wake County.



Science: We will learn the science behind shadows!



If you visit www.scholastic.com, our class code is: L2BF4.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions about Kindergarten or how you can help your child at home.

Have a wonderful week!

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