

## Miss Collins' 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Classroom News

### Important Dates:

- Late Start Mondays: school begins @ **9:05am.**
  - Jan 11, 25
  - Feb 1, 8, 22, 29
- **1/13:** “Draw Your Destiny” Assembly: Duane Abel, a cartoonist, encourages all students to **wear pink** to match his “Zed” character.
- **1/18:** No School (MLK Day)
- **1/29:** No School (Staff Development)
- **2/15-2/19:** Mid-Winter Break. School resumes 2/22 @ 9:05am.

### Specials for the week:

- Monday: Gym
- Tuesday: Art
- Wednesday: Library
- Thursday: Music
- Friday: Gym

### Weekly Words:

- **Sight Words:** they, this, then, that, with
- **Word family:** ed

\*Spelling test on sight words every Friday.\*

### Classroom Info:

#### **Reading**

We spent time reviewing the concepts we have covered since September. This includes all of our “reading tricks”, monitoring our reading, accuracy/fluency/comprehension and retelling with BME...what hard workers! We will continue to add to our “toolboxes” with recognizing and appropriate use of transition words.

#### **Writing**

We used the beginning of 2016 to help us make resolutions for the year. We discussed what resolutions are and what kinds of resolutions would be appropriate for first grade. Students also have been practicing writing stories with a clear beginning, middle and end to prepare for the practice Grosse Pointe Writing which will be given next week. This is just to get students familiar with the format of this writing assessment when it is given in the spring.

**Math:**

We have continued working on addition and subtraction problems and strategies to increase factual recall. We also spent time on temperature and reading a thermometer including using the unit.

**Social Studies/Science:**

We reviewed wants verses needs and discussed goods and services and why we need them. We also spent time understanding the difference between a producer and consumer.

**Collins' Comments:**

- Please be sure students have appropriate winter weather wear for recess: boots, hats, gloves (waterproof), scarves, etc.
- Some students may need extra clothes for the winter season in their locker shoebox.
- Student Council Note: The Mason Student Council would like to extend huge thanks to the Mason students and families for helping collect 131 pounds of food for [Gleaner's Food Bank](#). That food will feed 109 people!"

Have a great weekend!

Miss Collins