

Miss Collins' 1st Grade Classroom News

Important Dates:

- Late Start Mondays: school begins @ **9:05am.**
 - Jan 25
 - Feb 1, 8, 22, 29
- **1/25**: Blood Drive 2:30-8:30 (Mason gym)
- **1/29**: No School (Staff Development)
- **2/10**: Lego Day
- **2/13**: Valentine's Day Party (PM)
- **2/15-2/19**: Mid-Winter Break. School resumes 2/22 @ 9:05am.

Specials for the week:

- Monday: No School
- Tuesday: Art
- Wednesday: Library
- Thursday: Music
- Friday: Gym

Weekly Words:

- **Sight Words:** your, all, have, are, it
- **Word family:** et

Spelling test on sight words every Friday.

Classroom Info:

Reading

We focused this week on the use of transition (temporal) words: first, next, then, last, etc. We used them to verbally retell stories and events in our lives. Understanding these sequential words helps students apply this skill in their writing as well.

Writing

Students worked on a practice story for the Grosse Pointe Writing. Students are given a title and have to write their own story with a clear beginning, middle and end as well as appropriate uses of punctuation marks. The formal written assessment is not until spring.

Students brought home the completed unit about Opinion Letters for Social Action earlier this week. Our new writing unit is How To and we have written a few class how to stories to introduce the format of this type of writing.

Math:

We continue to work on measuring with standard and non-standard math tools. Students enjoyed working with a buddy to measure objects and had fun measuring their things like their wrist, elbow, head and ankle.

Social Studies/Science:

We spent time learning about Martin Luther King, Jr. and why there is a holiday to celebrate him.

Collins' Comments:

- There is NO SCHOOL this coming Monday, 1/18 due to MLK Day. See you Tuesday!

Have a great weekend!

Miss Collins