

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

### Important Dates:

- Late Start Mondays: school begins @ **9:05am.**  
Feb 1, 8, 22, 29
- **1/25:** Blood Drive 2:30-8:30 (Mason gym)
- **1/29:** No School (Staff Development)
- **2/2:** Walk to Jet's Pizza (9:30-10:15am)
- **2/10:** Lego Day
- **2/11:** Valentine's Day Mailbox due
- **2/13:** Valentine's Day Party (2:00-3:15)
- **2/15-2/19:** Mid-Winter Break. School resumes 2/22 @ 9:05am.

### Specials for the week:

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

### Weekly Words:

- **Sight Words:** into, out, up, down, over
- **Word family:** eat

\*Spelling test on THURSDAY this week.\*

### Classroom Info:

#### Reading

We have focused on non-fiction texts this week as well as text features. These topics will continue to be covered over the next few months as we move into our new unit where Reader's Pursue Their Interest beginning in February.

#### Writing

Students wrote their practice story for the Grosse Pointe Writing this week where they were given titles to choose from to write a story independently. Students also worked on How To stories with buddies to prepare them for when they write their own How To stories.

**Both first grade classes have arranged a walking field trip to Jet's Pizza (2/2)** where we will learn how to make pizza! This was my home away from home before I became a teacher – I may even show the kids what pizza skills I have! My old boss will tour the kids around the store & enjoy a pizza lunch back at school. **Students will not need to pack a lunch that day 😊**

**Math:**

We wrapped up unit 4 this week and completed our last NWEA assessment – hooray! We move on to Unit 5 which focuses on place value, number stories and basic facts.

**Social Studies/Science:**

This week we spent time focusing on winter weather and the effects it has on the world around us – we have even seen things on our own playground...lots of ice! We have read from nonfiction texts and magazines to get information about a topic.

**Collins' Comments:**

- Spelling test will be given on Thursday, 1/28 due to no school on Friday.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Collins