

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

### Important Dates:

- Late Start Mondays: school begins @ **9:05am.**  
Feb 8, 22, 29
- **2/10 & 2/11: Valentine's Day Guessing Jar**  
Students can guess the number of chocolate candies in a jar during lunch. Guesses are \$0.25 each or 5 guesses for \$1.00. All proceeds go towards buying a "buddy bench" for our playground.
- **2/10: Lego Day**
- **2/11: Valentine's Day Mailbox due**
- **2/12: 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: Music

### Weekly Words:

- **Sight Words:** what, where, when, why, by
- **Word family:** ell

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

### Classroom Info:

#### Reading

We have focused this week on identifying text features by checking out non-fiction books in our classroom library. Students have been "hunting" for these features during their independent reading time.

#### Writing

We wrapped up our How To writing unit this week. Students have worked with a buddy to write few stories, wrote their own how to story about something they are an expert in and we finished the unit by writing a whole-class "How To: Eat an Oreo". Look out for a packet of this completed unit coming home soon.

**Math:**

We have focused on number stories this week. Students have practiced finding words in number stories that tell us what type of operation we should use. Addition words include: in all, the sum, all together, while subtraction words are: difference, are left, remaining.

**Social Studies/Science:**

We have enjoyed reading from our Scholastic magazines where we are reading informational texts that links to our reading workshop. We also had fun making predictions about Groundhog's Day and how the weather influences "the big day". We will begin the Solids and Liquids unit next week.

**Collins' Comments:**

- **Lego Day** is on Wednesday. Please be sure students come to school with items needed to build their Lego creation. Students are not required to participate in this 30 minute activity.
- **Our Valentine's Day** party is Friday. Please be sure to send in mailboxes by Thursday, (2/11) so that we have them ready for the party.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Collins

