

# Mrs. Kirk's 1st Grade Update!



Extra, Extra,  
Read all about it! 1-18-12

Language Arts



## Records Day

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on  
Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>  
and

Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

Teachers will be working on report cards.

Report cards will be sent home the  
following week in your child's Friday folder.

I will give you a heads up.

*BTW...*

**It remains an absolute pleasure teaching  
your children. Thank you for sharing  
them with me!**

Our next **Star Student** is **Jake Moore**.  
We cannot wait to learn all about you the  
week of January 30<sup>th</sup>.

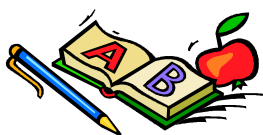
## **HOMEWORK:**

Thank you for reinforcing math, reading  
and writing concepts at home.

Please continue to read, read, read!

## Star Words

All 1<sup>st</sup> and  
2nd grade  
words!



## Writing Focus

- We continue to focus on moving the children towards conventional spelling and using capitalization and punctuation in our daily writing.
- Wrote Troll stories based off the book, Trouble with Trolls by Jan Brett.
- Worked on character, setting and problem and solution with the story, Tacky the Penguin.
- Modeled handwriting activities focusing on correct letter formation and word patterns

## Reading Focus

- Everyday we begin with a morning message that focuses on the 3 most important things good readers need to know to be successful: **Meaning, syntax (phonics) and language structure.**
- Poetry notebooks! Please return your child's notebook promptly so he/she can add new poems!

## Phonics Focus

ar, er, ir, or and ur  
endings capitalization  
and punctuation  
ed endings

## Math Focus

- Graphing information and retrieving information from a graph
- Place value
- Addition and subtraction facts to 12
- 3-D solid figures
- Counting by 2's, 5's and 10's



## Workboard

- Story sequencing
- Sorting, finding and recording short vowel in words
- Star word spelling games
- Modeled handwriting
- Iditarod board game
- Word patterns
- Place value
- Addition and subtraction facts



## Science and Social studies

### **Social studies:**

Author study: Jan Brett

### **Science focus:**

Winter weather animals and Polar

**\*Next Unit: Post Office!!!  
Feb 1st!**



## News for You!

- Our **Valentine's Day party** is Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:15. I'm looking for volunteers...
- **NO SCHOOL**: January 26th and 27th~ Teacher Record Days and February 23rd and 24th~ Professional development for staff
- **We are studying solid figures!** Please have your child bring in a 3-D solid figure for our classroom shape museum. Items such as: Rectangular prism (cereal box), sphere (ball), cube (small tissue box), cylinder (paper towel roll) and a cone (party hat).



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