



Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class February 21, 2025



Language Development & Reading:

~We looked for our Word of the Week: "of" in our books, messages and poems.

~We continued to story books. This week we are writing about all of the fun we had on the 100th Day of School. Some of the important skills we are honing include using sight words, matching our pictures to our text and revising to add extra details.

~In Foundations we are using tapping to both decode (read) and encode (write) CVC words. We are discriminating between long and short vowel sounds and working on learning new/revisiting old "trick words."

~In Literacy Centers we:

- read lots of great books in our small groups,
- practiced reading and writing our high frequency words,
- wrote about what we would do if we were the President
- wrote about what we would, and wouldn't, like 100th of,
- shopped for new books for our book bins.

Books:

~I Love You Already

~Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend

~President's Day

~Rolling

~and other favorites

Poems/Songs:

~ President

~The 100th Day Is Here



Upcoming Events

Wed, February 26th:

Town Hall with Dr. McGann @ JP Case.
Learn about the budget and the special election on March 11th

Thursday, February 27th:

PTO Reading Is a Dream Event.

Friday, February 28th:

Library Books Due

Tuesday, March 11th

Special Election Vote for School Budget

Friday, March 14th

No School, Staff Development Day



Happy Birthday

Samantha, 2/15



Math:

~ We have also been learning a lot about shapes this week. We've been

- sorting shapes by name, sides, corners and sizes.
- creating graphs to represent our sorted groups
- writing inequality statements to compare groups.

We have also:

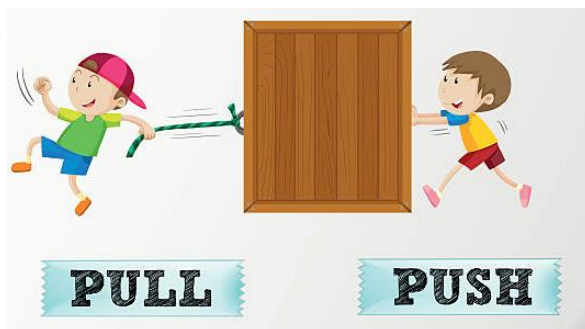
- composed and decomposed teen numbers into groups of 10 and some more
- practiced recognizing and writing our teen numbers
- enjoyed lots of fun during our work place games.

**Social Studies/Science:**

We had such a fun and packed week as we culminated our unit on "Pushes and Pulls." This week we:

- saved a town from a runaway boulder. We made a model to demonstrate how the direction of a force can be changed using paper houses, a cardboard hillside, pushpins and boulders (aka ping pong balls).
- designed and played on mini-golf courses. We had to test and modify angles and the strength of our pushes to get the balls in the holes.

We also learned a bit about the Presidents this week. We read books about the Presidents and learned about how people celebrate President's Day.

**Special Fun**

We had a special "President's Day Parade." We made tricorn hats, grabbed some instruments and took to the hallways.

***Please Remember to***

*Add the poems "President" and "100 Days of School" to your child's Poetry Binder. Read the poems in the binder with your child at least a couple of times a week.



*Have your child read any books that come home in their **Purple Reading Bags** to you. Please record the title, sign that they read it with you, and send it back in the next day.