



# Weekly News from Mrs. Mikalsen's Class February 28, 2025



## Language Development & Reading:

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

~We continued to write story books. This week we are writing about something fun or interesting that we've done.

~In Foundations we are using tapping to both decode (read) and encode (write) CVC words. We enjoyed determining real vs. nonsense words and discriminating between long and short vowel sounds.

~In Literacy Centers we:

- read lots of great books in our small groups,
- practiced reading and writing our high frequency words,
- discriminated between long and short vowel sounds.
- tapped and wrote words.
- read emergent readers featuring "are."
- shopped for new books for our book bins.

## Books:

~One Duck Stuck

~Numbers at Work: Counting: 1, 2, 3 to the Zoo

~One Moose, Twenty Mice

~Ralph Tells a Story

~One Day, the End

~Mondo

~and other favorites

## Poems/Songs:

~ There Are

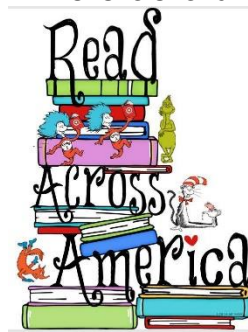


## Upcoming Events

**March 3rd -7th**

### Read Across America Week.

See attached flyer and back of newsletter for more details



**Monday, March 10th:**

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 have continued to learn a lot about shapes this week.

~We learned lots of new games that are helping us to learn our shapes:

- Geoboard Shapes
- Shapes and Spinners Graphing
- Pattern Block Designs
- Spin and Count Shapes

~We also created graphs of shapes and described the graph using inequality statements and symbols.

~We have been doing lots of activities in Number Corner to help us understand and recognize teen numbers.

**Social Studies/Science:**

We are enjoying our new unit on living things.

~We had lively discussions about the differences between living and nonliving things

~We worked in "lab groups" to determine if things were living or nonliving and supported our ideas with scientific reasoning

~We went outside and looked for living and nonliving things.

~We learned about what living things, like plants and animals, need to survive.



## Read Across America Spirit Week

Next week is Read Across America Week. We will be participating in lots of fun and spirited activities. Here are some ideas of things to wear during this special week:

Monday – Read Me – wear clothing with words or text

Tuesday – Cozy Up with a Book and a Buddy – wear PJ's and bring in a stuffed lovey

Wednesday – Hats Off to Reading – wear your favorite hat

Thursday – Reading Makes Us Bright –wear sunglasses and bright colors

Friday –Readers Unite – wear Red & White or your Barley Sheaf swag.

