

February Newsletter

Reading

After several weeks of studying theme, we will be reading stories that compare/contrast events in a story. Once that is completed, we will move on to Author's Point of View.

Writing

Students have just completed problem/solution writings. This month, they will be working on comparing/contrasting information in an article. Students are expected to use information from a given article, but generate sentences using mostly their own words to show how two things are alike and different.

Word Work

Students' individual spelling lists focus on Orton-Gillingham phonic concepts and red words (high frequency words). Spelling lists are given on Monday, activities to practice are incorporated throughout the week, and tests are on Friday. They are now learning skills to spell multisyllabic words. Grammar skills are also practiced daily using Mountain Language.

Reading Logs:

As a reminder, please have your child add up their minutes they have read each month and sign their calendars.

Progress Book

Thank you for signing up in Progress Book to view your child's grades. Information has been sent home on how to set up your account. If you need the directions sent to you again, please let us know.



I Can...

- *Determine the text structure of a reading passage.
- *Use context clues to figure out new meaning of words
- *Compare/contrast information in a reading passage
- *Apply spelling rules when writing.
- *Spell high frequency words.
- *Write a compare/contrast piece putting information in their own words.
- *Apply grade level English usage and grammar.

Information:

- *For your child's safety, when you are picking up your child after school, please park and walk up to get them.
- *We will be having our Valentine's Party on February 16th. If you would like to donate items for the party, please make sure they are individually wrapped. Some suggestions are: pretzels, cheese sticks, packs of apple slices, carrot packs, sugar free drink pouches, cheese & crackers, cups, plates, napkins. There are 24 students in the class.

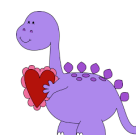
Contact information

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. You may call the school (937-548-3185) and leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can. You may also email us at:

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For your calendar

Feb. 5-9 Book Fair

Feb. 9 Pizza Bingo-5:30-7

Feb. 16 Valentine's Party

Feb. 19 No School

Feb. 21 Spring pictures

