

# Mrs. Comeau's Kindergarten Newsletter

Feb. 2018

Dear Parents,

Here's a few note about our activities this month.

**ELA:** our Reader's workshop focus for the next several weeks will be story elements. (character, setting, problems, action and conclusion) We will be incorporate these elements into all sorts of literature in order to help up understand the story better. We will also be practicing our skills at retelling the beginning, middle and end of stories. Towards the end of the unit, we will be comparing and contrasting books.

Our writer's workshop will be focused on opinion writing. We will be expressing our opinions about things and books in complete written sentences, explaining our reasoning and writing concluding sentences, as mature writers do. We will also be learning how to create our own 3 part stories. Stay tuned!

**Math:** We will be taking our addition and subtraction skills to a higher level this month. We will also be working with creating fact families. For example,  $1+3=4$ ,  $2+2=4$ ,  $3+1=4$ , etc. The children have been exploring solving math sentences using a variety of ways and have a good handle on explaining how/why they got the answers! We will also be working on being fluent with our math facts from 0-5.

**Unit:** We are starting a new unit about the southwestern part of our country, the desert.

We will be learning many new facts about animals who live in this ecosystem. We will then do a brief introduction to American symbols. (we will re-visit these concepts in the late spring) After vacation, we will be investigating community helpers.

**Valentine's Day:** We will be having a small party on Feb 14 in the afternoon. The children can bring in cards for their classmates at anytime before the 12th. I have enclosed a list of our classmates' names. They may write their friend's names on the cards if they wish (if they do a few cards a night, it won't seem so overwhelming) OR, just have your child sign the cards and leave the envelopes blank. We will just put one card in every child's "mailbox. We will all get a chance to play "mail delivery person" to share these special cards. (We will not be having any goodies for snack, sorry)

**100th day of school:** On Feb. 14th we will also be celebrating our 100th day in school! (Think NO SNOW DAYS!!!) I have many fun and educational activities planned. Children do not need to bring anything to school. We have it all!

**Safety:** please send sneakers/shoes if your child wears snow boots to school. Snow boots tend to be very clunky and children tend to trip indoors with them on.

## **Important Dates:**

Valentine's Day party: Wednesday, Feb 14

School is closed Feb 19 - Feb 23 For vacation .See you Monday Feb 26.

**Class list for Valentine's Day cards**

Toby Zachary Jayce Eloise Brody