

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. As the temperatures drop, please make sure your child has a warm coat, gloves or mittens and a hat. We will go outside as long as it isn't too cold. We will continue our walks to the library on Tuesdays unless the weather prevents us from doing so.

During the first week of January, we will learn the letters "L" and "H". We will review the "it" word family and introduce the "ig" word family. Our sight words will be "you" and "have". Later in the month, we will introduce letter "B", the sight word "do" and the "ip" word family.

In math, we will start the month by learning the numbers 21-30. We will count to 100 by 1's and learn to count by 10's. Then we will learn to count by 5's and 2's. Other topics that will be introduced are even and odd numbers, ordinal numbers, and counting on a number line. We will spend some time learning about pennies, nickels and dimes.

In science, we will begin the month talking about animals in winter and how they adapt to the changing conditions. After that, we will talk about penguins, polar bears and arctic animals. At the end of the month we will discuss Groundhog Day. The children will predict whether the groundhog will see his shadow and we will compare our predictions with what really happens.

In social studies we will learn about Martin Luther King Jr. and his teachings. Later in the month we will learn some American patriotic symbols and what they mean.

We will not have school on Monday, January 15 in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

We have been counting how many days we have been in school since the beginning of the year. We will have a celebration on the 100th day of school. Each child is asked to bring in a collection of 100 items on this day. Some items that we have had in the past are pennies, cereal pieces, seashells and Legos. We just completed Day 70 before Christmas so we should reach our hundredth day in mid-February unless we have a lot of snow days.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. The best way to reach me is through email. My email address is: keirstead@stpaulsfleetwood.org.

Sincerely,
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