

Mrs. Hall's Newsletter

January 13, 2020

Specials

1/13 – Technology
1/14 – Science
1/15 – PE (sneakers!)
1/16 – Music
1/17 – Media (library books!)

1/20 – No School
1/21 – Character Education
1/22 – Art
1/23 – Technology
1/24 – Science



What We Are Learning

Reading: Students will describe the connection between two ideas, people, events, or pieces of information in a nonfiction text (RI.1.3). We will also identify basic similarities and differences between two texts on the same topic (RI.1.9). In phonics we will continue to focus on long vowels (silent 'e' at the end [safe, these, hole, time, use, etc.] and vowel teams [ie, ee, ea]). **Remember**, once students learn these features, they are expected to be used in their writing and day-to-day assignments. Find word examples on my website under "Letterland" – "student lists."

Writing: Please continue to work on using capital letters and punctuation correctly, as well as writing complete sentences! We will review personal narrative writing ("small moments") (W.1.3) for the next couple of weeks. Students will begin to write fictional narratives, as well; they will have a chance to make up their own stories.

Math: Students will continue to solve word problems using addition and subtraction strategies throughout the year (OA.1.1). Students will understand that we can add in any order to find an answer (OA.1.3). Students will review place value (NBT.1.2) and use their understanding to find ten more or ten less than a one- or two-digit number (NBT.1.5).

Social Studies: Students will study various landforms and bodies of water. We will learn basic map skills such as cardinal directions, map symbols, and map key. Students will be able to read and make a map, pointing out specific locations (G.1.1).

Announcements

1. We are going to Laurel Hills Park on March 26 as a field experience for our next project – bugs! I am sending home the field trip permission slip and payment information Monday. It is due January 21. Please sign and return them as soon as possible.
2. We need three chaperones for our field trip in March. Please e-mail me if you are interested, and I will randomly select three parents to join us (if more than three people show interest).
3. January's Scholastic Book order is due **Monday!** You can order until 3:00pm on Monday. This is a great way to expand your home library with inexpensive, age-appropriate books.

Dates:

January 13: Scholastic Book Order due

January 20: No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

January 21: Science Expo, (Tracks 1 & 3) 6-7:30pm (optional)

Field Trip payment + permission slip due (Laurel Hills Park)

January 22: Science is Fun! (in-school field trip)

January 24: Last day before track out

February 18: Welcome back! First day of track in

Classroom Wishlist

- skinny or regular Crayola washable markers
- Post-It notes
- old, kid-friendly magazines (National Geographic for Kids, LadyBug, Ranger Rick, etc.)

Have a wonderful week ☺

- Mrs. Hall