



Mrs. McGregor's
Classroom Newsletter
January 10, 2019

JANUARY

15th – PTO Meeting @ 4 PM

21st –Board Meeting @ OHHS
7-9 PM

24th - PBIS Assembly
Hear USA

25th–NO SCHOOL
Teacher Work Day

FEBRUARY

1st – Field Trip to Kirtland
Youth Theatre

14th – Valentine's Day Party

15th- NO SCHOOL
Teacher In-service

18th –Board Meeting @ OHHS
7-9 p.m.

19th – PTO Meeting @ 4 PM

22nd –PBIS Assembly

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Classroom News

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone enjoyed the break and spent quality time with their children. My family had a nice vacation, we rested and reenergized!

Thank you for all the donations and wonderful gifts for our Polar Express Hot Chocolate party. The kids really seemed to have a blast and enjoy all the goodies. I think the treat bag was a big hit!!

Our class will be taking the Early Literature Assessment on January 22nd and the Early Math Assessment on January 29th. Please keep those dates in mind and encourage your child to try their hardest. We use the reading assessment to determine students who need an Individualized Reading Improvement Plan. The students who work hard and try their very best will be invited to a special pizza party during lunch one day next month. I look forward to seeing their growth!



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Ashley Magee, First Grade Brain

Field Trip

Our school will be traveling to the Kirtland Youth Theatre on Friday, February 1, to see The Stinky Cheese Man. This is the field trip to make up for the one we were supposed to attend in December but couldn't due to the snow day. Permission slips are all turned in and the trip is paid for. We're looking forward to the show!



What We're Learning

Reading: We've been reading nonfiction books and learning about nonfiction text features. The students find it fascinating how many new things they can learn from reading nonfiction texts!

Writing: We started our nonfiction chapter book unit by using interactive writing to write a class book about cats. The kids are now picking their own topics and beginning to write their own nonfiction chapter books.

Math: In math we are beginning a unit on measurement. Students are learning how to compare lengths of objects and organizing things from shortest to longest. Soon they will learn to measure objects with nonstandard units like cubes and paper clips.

Science/Social Studies: We're wrapping up our Spinning Sky unit and moving into a geography social studies unit. Students will be learning about relative and absolute location, aerial perspectives, and maps.



HOMEWORK

Please remember, I don't send paper homework home often, if ever. Children should be reading and practicing their sight words EVERY night. If your child lost their sight word list and you'd like a new one, please contact me and I'll put another one together for you.

I was just awarded a grant from the ESP Committee to purchase books for take-home reading bags. As soon as the money comes through, I will be purchasing books and creating kits to send home with your child weekly. More information will be sent home as I work on completing this project.

Also, it's beneficial for you to read aloud to your child. It exposes them to rich language, diverse content, ignites imagination, and builds conversation. Cuddle up with your child and a good book!



Donations

- **Clorox Wipes**
- **AAA Batteries** for our classroom Tag Readers

