

peek at our week

miss mcnerney's first grade newsletter, issue 17

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.



thank you so much for your thoughtful assistance with your child's black history report and encouraging your child to think of others as s/he brought in a lunch of love last week

Some curriculum news for the week:

Math

We will be immersed in place value this week! We will learn that a two digit number is made up of a tens and ones place and use the symbols < and > to compare numbers. First graders will also be introduced to pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters (we are using dimes in this unit as we count by tens, but have also begun learning how to identify each type of coin as well).

To note: our Common Core learning expectations state that all first graders are to "quickly recall addition and related subtraction facts to 10, as well as apply and explain strategies to compute addition and subtraction facts to 20." We've been practicing at school and encourage students to keep up the practice at home to master their addition & subtraction facts!

Language Arts

Our spelling words this week are came, late, make, gave, brave, shape, waves, and chases (we are focusing on words with long a and end with "Super E"; the kids love this song which explains "Super E" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCnIaD-1kVE>). Our challenge word is penguin! Our dictation sentence is "You have a cat."

We will be focusing on present and past tenses, working on our expression as we read, and learning about what it means to infer/predict/draw conclusions as we read.

Science/Social Studies

We were sharing the facts we discovered while researching for our African American History reports all last week! We will be sharing those reports with one another this week to learn more about the lives and important contributions of those we studied to our own lives and world.

We are also beginning our unit on Penguins, learning about the many different types of penguins, what they eat, where they live, and other defining characteristics. One fun fact: penguins do NOT live in the Arctic!

Upcoming Events

January 24th

-Jeans Day free dress (we will be planting primroses with our Faith Families)

February 21st

Bingo Bash from 6-8pm
(register on HRS website)
*one of students' favorite events of the year!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:

January 26th

Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10:30am; Open House following

Monday, January 27th

Free Dress—Gator Gear!
School Read-in & Bingo

Wednesday, January 29th

Perfect Uniform!
Grandparent's & Special Friends Day

Thursday, January 30th

Perfect Uniform!
Grades 1-4 Spelling Bee at 8:30am

Friday, January 31st

80s Themed Spirit Day
Spirit Assembly & Staff/8th Grade Volleyball Game

a peek inside

happy birthday
rona and juliana



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There are 13 polar bears. 6 of them goes to catch a whale. How many are left? $13 - 6 = 7$

