

PEEK AT OUR WEEK

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**Travel light,
live light,
spread the
light,
be the light.**

-Yogi Bhaijan

Upcoming Events

February 21st

Bingo Bash at 6pm

February 25th

1A Parade of Presidents at
HRS from 9:00 - 9:20am

March 10th

Field Trip to the International
District

Reminders

- * Our only homework this week is to work on the Parade of President script! Every child has been assigned a former president of the United States; please see your child's folder for the script and more information. Once written, have your child practice reading their script often, so that s/he is able to read it fluently, with expression, and using the punctuation. S/he will be reading it to you and others at our Parade of Presidents! No need to turn in the scripts until the Parade of Presidents.



Some curriculum news for the week:

Language Arts

We will not have any spelling words this week, due to the short week! In class, we will continue to review words previously learned, as well as apply the rules we are learning in spelling.

We have been learning about using text evidence to answer questions or write about a topic. By looking back at a text we have read, we can find evidence to support our writing!

Science/Social Studies

We will be starting a new unit in science: teeth/dental health! We will learn about the different parts of our teeth, how to keep our teeth and gums healthy, and even about the teeth of other animals. Students will be examining their own teeth using a handheld mirror. We will also be comparing and contrasting human teeth to other animals' teeth.

In Social Studies, we have begun a unit on our country! We will be learning all about various symbols, people, and landmarks that symbolize the United States. We'll also be learning from one another next week about our many presidents as we participate in our Parade of Presidents.

A PEEK INTO 1A

STAR OF THE WEEK



LIESEL

Our Star of the Week last week was Liesel! She brought in her favorite book, "Finding Winnie." We learned that she loves rugby, soccer, and the color light blue. Her favorite dinner is her dad's chicken, and she would like to travel to Antarctica and Japan. Liesel wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up. She is a funny, enthusiastic, and loving friend! We are so happy to have Liesel as a part of our 1A family!

A few of the many reasons why we love our families!



We walked to the post office last week to mail our valentines! Students were very excited about this impromptu "mini-field trip!"



Dear 1A Families,



As February comes to a close, we would like each of our first graders to “become” one of our famous presidential leaders.

Our homework this week is to research the assigned president and create a short 4-5 sentence script, which is included in your child’s folder tonight.

Try www.whitehouse.gov/1600/Presidents or if you google “Presidents for kids,” there are quite a few age appropriate sites that are available.

We would then like each child to practice and become very fluent with their script. Hunt for some sort of simple costume to represent their president (preferably items from around the house—no need to buy something new!), ideas include a name tag, tie, hat, campaign button or sign, glasses, suit jacket, etc.

We will have our “Parade of Presidents” in the School Hall on Tuesday, February 25th from 9:00-9:20am where you will have the opportunity to meet each of the presidents and hear their presentations. Bring your cameras!

Your child will research the following president (attached to the hardcopy of this newsletter):



As always, please come to me with any questions!
Nikki McNerney