



# JANUARY NEWS

## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHER:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! New year, fresh start!! This month, we will be conducting a variety testing. It is imperative that your child arrives to school on time and ready to learn.

## EVENTS

January 15th

Field trip-Baltimore Aquarium

January 20th

School closed -Martin Luther King Jr Day

January 24

End of 2nd quarter

January 27th

3-Hour Early dismissal for students

## REMINDERS

- Students should be in full uniform daily.
- As we are in the cold months, please ensure that students have on proper coats, hats, and gloves daily. If you are in need of winter items, please let your teacher know.
- If you would like to go on a field trip with us this year you must have your fingerprints done through Prince George's County Schools. Please visit the site below for more information.  
<https://www.pgcps.org/fingerprinting/>
- Please check your child's folders for important information and student work.
- Please check Class Dojo often for class notices and reminders.

## LEARNING FOCUS

### Reading

- In reading students will describe connections within the text, to one's self, and to the world using oral expression, drawings, labels, or role-play
- The January phonics focus skills are substituting the beginning phoneme, review spelling ck, tch, dge, ff, ll, ss, and blending phonemes
- New Heart Words: how, their, want, will, up, may, now, came, out
- The writing focus is on writing an informative (non-fiction) text

### Social Studies

- Identify how people celebrate new years around the world
- Students will identify the change that happens over time
- Technology and communities shape people's lives and affect the way people live.

### Math

- Students will order and compare objects directly and indirectly by comparing to a reference object
- Students will read and write time to the hour and half hour
- Students will measure objects using non-standard, iterating length units

### Science

- Students will observe patterns in adults and their offsprings using evidence
- Students will explain how parents and offspring are the same and different
- Students will identify which animal is the baby and which one is the adult





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**"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."  
-A.A. Milne**

## Reading at Home

### Snowflake Wall Activity

Create snowflakes at home and have your child fill out a snowflake each time they finish a book. Then, have them tape the snowflake to the wall to celebrate their progress and decorate the space. As you read daily with your child have them identify the heart words in the book or spelling patterns they are learning at school.

## Math at Home



### Grab Bag Subtraction



#### Materials:

20 small objects (such as pennies or beans) and a bag

#### Directions:

- Player 1 chooses a number of beans to start with. Player 1 tells Player 2 how many beans they chose.
- Player 1 places that number of beans into the bag.
- Player 2 grabs a handful of beans and removes them from the bag. Player 2 shows Player 1 how many beans they removed.
- Both players predict the number of beans still in the bag.



# 1st Grade At Work

