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Meadow Oaks Academy Private School
Advanced PreK, Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade Newsletter

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Newsletter Bulletin

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STEM FAIR

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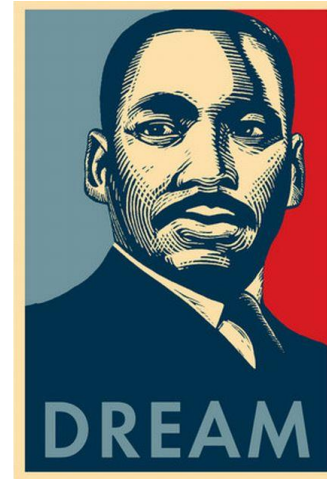
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2th Grade News – Reading & Writing

The second grade is working on a courage unit. The students will be reading fiction and nonfiction accounts of children who find bravery in different situations. These stories reflect feelings and experiences that they can relate to, such as having anxiety about spelling, or being

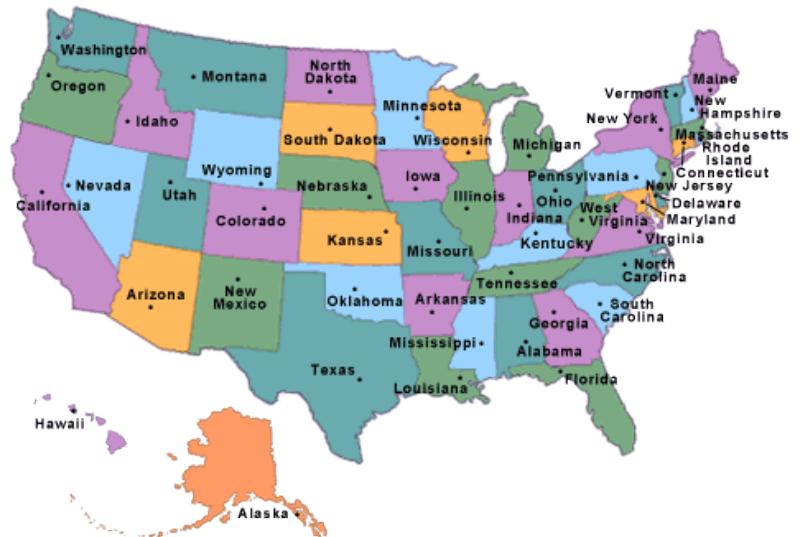
concerned they are not brave.

The Class will read a biographical piece called "A Picture Book of Martin Luther King, Jr." which is a wonderful reflection of courage. Vocabulary, comprehension, sentence structure and phonetic rules will be reinforced in all our studies.



Science & Social Studies

In science and social studies we will continue the study of the United States of America. The students will learn about the states and their capitals as well as the different regions across the country.



Math

The material in our math unit concentrates on three themes: number patterns, the continued development of computational skills, and applications of mathematics. They will also assess their progress to date.

Regrouping with addition and subtraction will be continued throughout January. The students will continue to work with multiplication this month. Please allow your child to count your pocket change at least twice a week. WOW! We have a full mathematical month ahead.



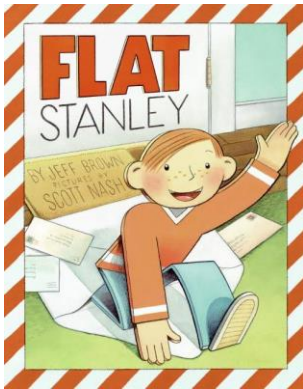
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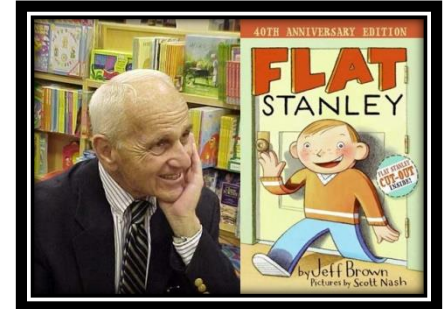
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1st Grade News – Reading & Language Arts



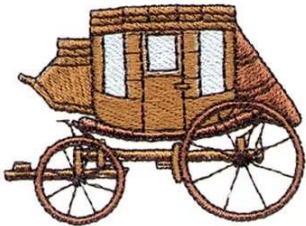
First Graders will be ringing in the New Year reviewing and polishing reading skills. They have enjoyed reading all the adventures of **Flat Stanley**. Their studies will include: the writer and artist, predicting outcomes, word finds, story sequences, cold climate locations, rhyming words, and creative writing.

Another unit of study will include the practice of organization of central ideas. Their writing will begin to convey the intended message interesting, precise and natural way appropriate to the purpose.



Writer/Illustrator Jeff Brown

Science & Social Studies



A transportation unit will be covered throughout January. They will explore how "Hot Air Balloons"

fly, the first stagecoach and a car that ran on steam. This is an interesting study for 1st grade



Math

Happy New Year! This year 1st grade will be using animal poster pictures as catalysts to help students make up addition and subtraction stories. Their story lessons will extend the children's understanding of addition and subtraction. A

variation of What's My Rule? is introduced.

This routine provides additional practice with addition and subtraction facts, number patterns, and place-value relationships. They'll review ordinal numbers, time, skip counting and measuring. The students will have the opportunity

to pick games with calculators, Penny/Nickel/Dime Exchange game, Top-It game, Secret Number game, Penny Grab, and Go Forward Go Back game. The end of the unit will be exciting as they review and assess our progress.



Spelling

Please remember to review spelling words DAILY. This is very important to their learning experiences.

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Kindergarten News – January Unit “Stick To It”

This unit of study for Kindergarten has perseverance as its focus. Perseverance is a common theme in children’s literature. One aim of this unit is to give students the opportunity to experience persistence vicariously.

By entering the worlds of the story characters, young students can begin to learn the importance and satisfaction of staying with something, even though it may not be much fun.

Another objective of this unit is to help students reflect on instances in their own lives when they have persisted and incorporate these qualities in themselves.



Math

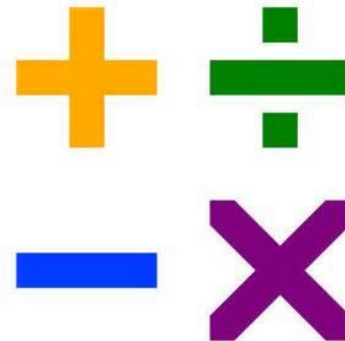
They will begin our work on the following units and continue them next month.

They will work with exchanging pennies, nickels, and dimes as we play “store”.

They will explore more complex patterns.

They will introduce ordinal numbers.

They will work on telling time to the hour. Students will continue addition and subtraction practice.



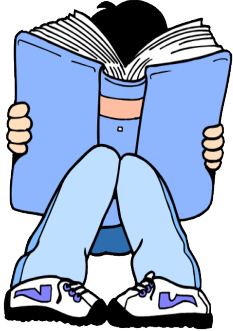
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Advance Pre-K News – Reading “BREAK THROUGH”



A highly effective way to help children acquire and implement reading skills is teaching with phonograms, also called “Word Families” or “Chunks”. They are recognizable “chunks” of letters that appear with regularity in words. For example, the word quack, stack, rack, back, and pack

share the phonogram – ack. When children learn the sound/spelling chunks they can decode more quickly and efficiently by putting two familiar sounds together.

Pre-K is making steady progress in “Breaking Through” to reading!



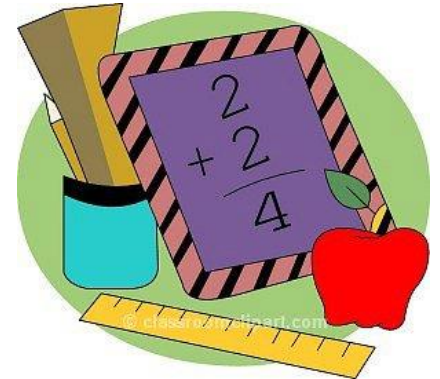
Math

As the New Year begins Pre K students will review basic addition facts that were previously learned. This review strengthens their number sense and counting skills. The

Students are now able to recognize number symbols utilizing a one

to one correspondence between the number and the object counted. Throughout the year they will be challenged to solve problems in different ways, such as using counters, pictures, mental math and paper/pencil.

We are so proud of their progress!



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