



Mrs. Frecon's Fab Facts



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year! The return from winter break brought us to a very busy start of the new year!

We had a wonderful Winter Celebration before break. Thank you to our homeroom parent and volunteers for helping and contributing to the fun!

We are close to filling our Class Gem Jar once again and look forward to our next reward! Our class has earned another reward since everyone's football made it to touchdown for positive behavior! The class voted on a Crazy Sock Day, and we are excited to spend most of our day with our shoes off in the classroom sporting our crazy socks on January 14th!

This month, I have exciting plans to return to our Makerspace Classroom for a Make Writing project (create/build something you have a passionate opinion for, and then write your essay)! The children will continue to develop their communication, collaboration, creativity and choice through these learning experiences.

The following provides some details of the content covered and to be learned this month:

Reading:

- Compare and Contrast characters and main events across texts.
- Identify a story's plot and summarize the main idea of a story.
- Theme: the central message or moral to a story.
- CAFÉ review: focus on "E" for Expand Vocabulary: find and use interesting words within text; use context clues to determine the meaning of unknown words.
- The children continue working toward their individual reading goals through leveled, good-fit book choices while conferring with me 1-on-1, as well as leveled instructional small reading groups.
- **Phonics:** Words ending with (y) that sounds like /i/ and /e/; words ending with /nk/; /ng/; compound words; plurals (-es) and r-controlled vowels ("bossy R").

Math:

- **Note:** If a worksheet comes unfinished, be aware that your child may only needed to have completed a few problems while working in a small group with me that day. They further applied learning while in other stations of Math Workshop, such as iPads, independent problem-solving, and math fact games. The kids have been eager to finish the pages at home for extra practice. If they return their added efforts to me the next day, they get a “sweet” reward.
- Gaining knowledge and applying strategies for Subtracting from “teen numbers” and evaluating which is the most efficient strategy for solving.
- End of Module Assessment
- Next Module (end of Jan.): Measuring Length

Writing Workshop:

- Students are publishing excellent Opinion Pieces of writing. Students are expected to state an opinion/reasonable argument, and support their opinion with reasons, and appeal to their audience all while working on the traits of writing such as *strong word choice, sentence fluency, and voice*. We have an awesome Community of Writers!
- After more conferring, I will send home the Writing Binders for students to share writing with family.

Social Studies:

- Culture, Landforms and Location of Germany.
- We will also discuss the similarities and differences between Germany and the United States of America.

Important Dates:

January 17: Scholastic Book Orders due

January 20: School closed to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

January 29: Early Dismissal

~ Mrs. Frecon