

Bright Ideas

Mr. Krokos's Kindergarten Monthly News Letter



February 2018

"February is merely as long as is needed to pass the time until March."

- Dr. J. R. Stockton

Here we are again! A brand new month and lots of fun educational activities are under way. We are also quickly approaching the 100th day of school and working our way into... Spring. Can you believe it? This month the students will

be working on writing their own sentences independently. Make sure to keep their confidence high and let them know not to worry because they can still use their kid writing for words they are not sure how to spell. They should know by now that they do not need to fear making mistakes and that I am only unhappy if they don't try.

Students should also be reading **daily** to you at home as part of their homework. Practice using the take home books that I have been sending throughout the year. These books feature sight words we have worked on, as well as, simple words to sound out. If you use your own books be sure they are challenging to your child, but not frustrating. Check out readingrockets.org for some great tips.

Students' 2nd Quarter Report Cards are posted on Skyward. Also this month parent teacher conferences take place on 02/20. I will be sending out conference request forms the week of 02/12. If you choose we can conference over the phone or email to meet your schedule needs. If you cannot come in for a conference we can always schedule one on a different day. As always I am available by phone or email if you have concerns at anytime throughout the year.



On the Web:

In our classroom the Word Wall is filling up fast! Students are always directed to look at it to help them write and spell. Below are links to sight word activities and a list of words students should know by the end of Kindergarten and beyond.

<http://www.mrsperkins.com/dolch.htm> - All 220 sight words listed by grade level

<http://www.spellingcity.com/MrKrokos/> - Activities for all site words by grade level

<http://www.mrcpl.org/literacy/lessons/sight/index.html> - Various reading activities

http://www.abcya.com/dolch_sight_word_spelling.htm - Site word Spelling Practice

In the works:

- Verbs
- Independent Writing
- 100th Day of School
- Valentine's Day
- King of "ing"

Feature Photo:



Connor and Hunter are partnering up to read!

Important Dates:

02/02 – No school (for students)

02/09 -100th Day! (Weather Pending)

02/14 – Valentine Exchange

02/19 – No School (President's Day)

02/20 - No School (Conferences)

Attention: There is a district wide change being made to unify homework. More information will follow shortly. This change will likely include nightly home instead of the homework board you are used to seeing from me.