



# First Grade News

Roosevelt Elementary/January 2011

Mrs. Murray

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Dear Parents and Families,

I hope you all had an enjoyable winter break with your families. I really missed seeing all the smiling faces everyday, and I am happy to be back at school!



Happy Birthday this month to Adrian and Gannon.

## News

BRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR! It has been very cold and may be for several more months, so please remember to send your child to school with a coat! We try to get everyone outside at recess for some fresh air and exercise!

We will be learning about Bears this month culminating with a special celebration. Watch for more information coming home soon.

## Snacks

Thank you for all your snack donations, they are always much appreciated!



## Volunteers

It has been great having parent volunteers in the classroom. Your support is invaluable. If you have not been in yet but would like to, please call and let me know when you would like to come in. And please update volunteer schedule with me when you arrive.

## Spelling

Our spelling words will come home in our Monday folders. The spelling tests are every Friday. We review the words daily in class, but please practice these words at home with your child as well. Our next test is this Friday, 1-7 and we now have eight words! The corrected tests will come home in the following Monday folders.

## Homework

I try to send any homework home in the red Monday folders to be turned in on Fridays. Occasionally it will come home on other days, so please check your child's backpack regularly.

### Reading.

We will continue to read and take AR tests on the computer with our third grade reading buddies every other week. However, parents, Grandparents, or older siblings are welcome to help first graders take AR tests before or after school on the A Pod computers or in the Music room. Please let me know if you need your child's password and/or instructions. First graders need 5 points to get their first award at the recognition assembly.



### Science

We will continue our Foss curriculum on pebbles, Sand and Silt with Ms. Woods this month.

### Math

We will begin unit 5, *Grouping and Counting* this week and we will begin unit 6, *Measurement: Length* near the end of the month. Please understand that we will re-visit the math concepts again and again throughout the year. I will let you know if I become concerned with your child's progress.

### Dates to Remember

Friday	1-7	Spelling Test Unit #15
Wednesday	1-12	1 hr. late start
Friday	1-14	Spelling Test Unit #16
Monday	1-17	<b>MLK JR. Holiday/No School</b>
Friday	1-21	Spelling Test Unit #17
Wednesday	2-2	1 hour late start
Fri./Mon.	2-18/21	Mid-Winter Break/No School
Wednesday	3-2	1 hour late start
Friday	3-4	No School/Teacher In-Service
Friday	3-11	<b>Early Release 12:52</b>
Friday	3-18	<b>Report Cards go Home</b>
Mon./Fri	3-21/25	<b>Spring Conferences Early Release 12:52</b>
Mon./Fri	4-8/8	<b>Spring Break/ No School</b>
Wednesday	5-4	1 hour late start
Thursday	5-26	<b>First grade Spring Performance 6:30pm</b>
Monday	5-30	<b>Memorial Day Holiday/No School</b>
Wednesday	6-1	1 hour late start
Monday	6-20	<b>Last Day of School/Early Release 12:52</b>

Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns. I check my voicemail daily, and will return your call as soon as possible.



Sincerely,

Jan Murray

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