



# FIRST GRADE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

February 2017

Habit of Mind: Learning with understanding and empathy, Thinking Interperdently

### Attendance

Our school wide goal is 98% attendance for each month. Students with perfect attendance will be recognized at assemblies. The school will also hold a BBQ for each month we reach our goal. If your child is unable to come to school, please make sure to do independent study for each day your child is absent. Independent study packets, when they are returned, give your student credit for they day they missed.

You can find the independent study contract at the school office or online (sjva.net-parent-parent resources-independent study) Contracts must be signed by 3:30 the day of the student's absence.

Remind is a free app that allows parents to receive important messages from the teacher directly to your phone or email. Below is the information needed to sign up.

Text your teachers code to 81010

- Mrs. Leyva -@e79b2e
- Ms. Mitwalli—@mitwalli
- Ms. Ralston—@9ecb9
- Mrs. Wong—@ahch8
- Ms. Zazueta— @mszaz

### Curriculum Focus

**As a school, we are stressing the importance of having a library card and checking books out from the library. If possible, please check into getting your child their own library card to encourage their reading at home.**

**Language Arts**— Our phonics focus for this month is long vowels.

**Reading**— Please continue to read and practice the five finger retell with your child (characters, setting, plot -beginning, middle, end).

**Math (Ch. 8, Chp 9)** Two digit addition, Measurement

**Social Studies**— Past and Present, President's day

**Science**—

### Resources

For videos explaining how to do math problems, search math on the spot on Google and click the first link.

For extra worksheets, create an account for teacherspayteachers.com.

### Homework Tips

Please don't complete the whole packet in one sitting and use pencil.

If your child is feeling overwhelmed, take a five minute break.

A quiet space is encouraged.

The drive to and from school is a good time for students to practice Raz-Kids.