

Kindergarten Times

Room 105
Feb. 2021

Miss Suess & Mrs. Bazilchuk

What's happening in February?

Literacy: Children have started reading emergent texts, with a focus on using the pictures and tapping out CVC words. Reading strategies will be explored in the coming months.

Math: During math, we have practiced writing and representing teen numbers. Our next unit will be about place value and using base-10 blocks to represent those numbers.

Foundations: We are now on Unit 3. One focus is reading nonsense words, which are silly words that show that they can read the sounds. Long vowel sounds will be introduced

Science: We have been learning about weather using Freckle and Okapi. We will continue to talk about weather predictions. We have a mini science program happening virtually this week as well.

A Quick Reminder:

Please continue to work with your child on their fact fluency flash cards. Having a strong foundation of these facts helps in solving addition and subtraction problems.



As you all know, I am currently the long-term substitute for Mrs. Dawn Doyle while she is out on maternity leave. Mrs. Doyle will be returning to school after February vacation. I know she is so excited to get back in the classroom and build some wonderful relationships with your children!

Of course, I am feeling very sad, because I have truly loved every minute I've been here with the kids. I never thought we'd actually still be in person, so an even bigger bonus! Teaching my first class during a pandemic was definitely never on my radar, but it has allowed me to grow in ways I don't think would have been possible without it. The bonds and memories I have created with your children are ones that I hold near and dear to my heart. They are all very special to me and have further instilled my love and passion for teaching.

Each child received a social story that talks about the transition to a new teacher. We read it in class and it will be coming home today. Please read it together, as needed, to aid in the transition. I know the children will take this new adventure and thrive - they are quite a resilient group.

I will be filling in for a maternity leave in kindergarten at the Taylor School after February vacation! I am thrilled to still be teaching kindergarten and in the school district that I love.

I thank you all so much for the kindness, patience, willingness to learn, dedication, and dozens of other things you've shown me during my six months with your children. I'm hoping to be back at the Burrell in the fall with my own classroom. Fingers crossed!

Take Care,

Shannon 😊

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Laptops

Laptops went home last week! The children did a great job learning how to find some of the features and turn on their laptops. Each child received a signed Student Pledge and a Laptop Driver's License. Please review the student pledge at any point with your child if you feel they need a reminder on laptop care and safety. Laptops are to stay at home and be used for school learning activities only!

Valentine Party

On Friday, February 12th, we will have a Valentine's party!

SNACK:

Please send a special treat in the paper bag with your child. In the bag, please include:

- A special note from you
- A drink
- A sweet and / or salty treat (peanut/ nut free)

We will decorate a Valentine's Day bag at school. *Please bring Valentines on Thursday the 11th so each cohort will be able to share their Valentines* We will pass out Valentines safely during school on the 12th, staple the bag shut and send them home with your child on the 12th. Your child can open their Valentines at home on Valentine's Day! We cannot have any food/ candy with the Valentines.

Report Cards

Report cards were sent home last Friday. If you have any questions about your child's report card, please send me an email and we can set up a time to chat via phone or Zoom.

Important Dates

February 2nd - Groundhog Day

February 3rd - Lucas' Birthday!!

February 12th - Valentine Party

February 12th - Miss Suess' Last Day

February 15th - 19th - Vacation

February 17th - Caroline's Birthday!!

February 22nd - Mrs. Doyle Returns



Mrs. Doyle will be in contact with you all in the coming week. She came in on Monday and got to meet the children. I can tell they are all so excited for Mrs. Doyle to come to school and to show her all they have learned so far in kindergarten!