

Funderburk Multi-Age Classroom Newsletter

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"Gratitude turns what we have into enough." – Anonymous

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- **Monday December 9-** Arts Are Elementary guest artist visit - Seasons: song, movement & poetry
- **Tuesday December 10, 5:45 - 7:00 PM** - Family Code Night
- **Thursday December 19** - Holiday/Seasonal Celebration
- **Friday December 20** - Last Day of School before break (Full Day)
- **No School: Monday December 23 – Wednesday January 1** (Return on Thursday January 3, 2020)
- **January 6 - 24** - Coffin School Reading Challenge

Last Week, This Week (and Next Week) We're Working on...

Reading: Readers can be re-tellers: Studying story elements: characters, problem, solution, and key vocabulary from the text

Writing: Fictional narrative writing - comic book writing - superhero characters with one superpower in realistic, real world situations, small group work on letter formation, mechanics, spacing, and

Science/Study Groups

- Modern families, traditions, celebrations, storytelling, family heirlooms, *The Keeping Quilt*

Arts Are Elementary

- Family folktales/songs/dance with a seasons theme
- December (Winter) & May (Spring) visit for 50 minutes (ours is Monday)

Word Work/Handwriting/Spelling

- **Handwriting** - continued focus on working through expected lowercase letter formation. We are on our final run
- **Making Words - Gr. 1** (word families - as, at, cvce long a, sk, sc -es endings r-controlled vowel er, cvce long a, sc, -es), **Gr. 2** (long vowels patterns - ea, ai, cvce i, homophones)
- **Continued Differentiated Word Sort Practice** - word work ranging from short vowels and blends to long vowel patterns & r-controlled vowels (and everything in between)

1st Grade Math: Chapter 5 - Shapes - Plane and solid shapes, finding shapes in the world around us, shape patterns

2nd Grade Math: Chapter 6 - Multiplication (2's, 5's, 10's)

Classroom & School Updates

- Details regarding our classroom seasonal celebration will go out separately this week. Our team is still working out the details. It will likely consist of rotating activities from room to room that are seasonally themed
- Students in first grade (and Kindergarteners) will vote for the new Kate Furbish mascot in the coming week or two. They've been narrowed down to three mascots - chickadee, dragonfly and bumblebee.
- Kinderkonzert make up date from last Tuesday's snow day will be announced soon
- We're improving on remembering boots AND sneakers/shoes for recess/classroom. Thank you!
- Spindleworks comes to visit our classroom this Wednesday
- Classroom needs: Tissues, index cards (smaller sized), magnetic clips, we welcome more used games for choice time -quick, fun-to-play, small sized board games, card games, etc.

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<http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/efunderburk/classroom-newsletters>