

# Funderburk Multi-Age Classroom Newsletter

## Vol. 7, Weeks of January 6- January 20, 2020

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" - Martin Luther King, Jr.*

### Upcoming Dates of Interest *(no early release days in January or February)*

- **January 6 - 24** - Coffin School Reading Challenge
- **January 13 - 17** - "Be the Change" Penny Drive
- **Foos Code Club** - 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27, 3/ 5, 3/12 - 3:45-4:45 after school\*
- **Friday January 17** - Walk/Bike to School Day - Volunteers welcome (8:15-9:00)
- **Monday January 20** - No School, Martin Luther King Day
- **Wednesday January 22** - Kinderkonzert - Crooker Theater, Brunswick High School
- **Thursday February 6 & Friday February 7** - Dental/Health visits
- **Friday February 7** - CFC Family Movie Night (Time TBD)
- **February 16-21** - No School - President's Day Holiday & Winter Break

\*- registration required, space limited

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

**Reading:** Readers of nonfiction grow their knowledge by paying attention to details, asking questions, chatting with partners about they notice, pick up on, understand and use keywords

**Writing:** Nonfiction/informational writing introduction: Planning what to teach our readers, using an introduction, using a table of contents to plan, teach with pictures as well as words.

#### Word Work/Handwriting/Spelling

- **Making Words - Gr. 1** (word families ed, id, -ip, cvce long a & , blends sp, br r-controlled vowels -er) **Gr. 2** (silent k, -ck endings, cvce long u, silent t (-tle))

**1st Grade Math: Chapter 7** - Numbers to 20 - Place value, comparing numbers

**2nd Grade Math: Chapter 2** - Three Digit Addition (with and without regrouping)

### Classroom & School Updates

- **Schoolwide Reading Challenge** - each week, look for a new reading chart, return it the following week - Goal: 700 reading charts, 80% participation rate schoolwide
- There has been talk about starting up our classroom after school **Game Day** soon, which may be new to first grade families. If we have enough interest, we'll figure out a start date. I'm targeting to possibly start Game Day sometime that last week in January. It will be for 45 minutes after school on a set day of the week (day TBD). Stay tuned for details.
- **Classroom needs:** Plastic spoons, paper towels (we need ones that absorb for clean up of wet areas),, dry erase markers (thin ones for student use), eraser tops

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