

Funderburk Multi-Age Classroom Newsletter

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"The time is always right to do what is right.." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- **January 6 - 24** - Coffin School Reading Challenge (this week is week # 2)
- **Foos Code Club** - Thursdays, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27, 3/ 5, 3/12 - 3:45-4:45 after school*
- **Wednesday January 22** - Kinderkonzert - Crooker Theater, Brunswick High School
- **Mondays After School** - Game Day 3:30-4:15, pick up in room 18
- **Thursday February 6 & Friday February 7** - Dental/Health visits
- **Friday February 7** - CFC Family Movie Night (Time TBD)
- **February 10 - 14, Colors Week** (details forthcoming)
- **February 16-21** - No School - President's Day Holiday & Winter Break

*- by registration

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

Reading: Readers of nonfiction grow their knowledge by learning more/researching topics; nonfiction readers learn the lingo of nonfiction texts by paying attention to text features, re-reading to learn more and to read like an expert

Writing: Nonfiction/informational writing - Writers teach! They use text features - text boxes, labels, glossary, bold words to show what they know. Writers write endings. Spelling tips for writing.

Study Groups: TBD, but we will cover Science content related to claims and evidence based observations: water cycle, seasons, Day & Night and plants

Word Work

- **Making Words - Gr. 1** (word families ed, id, et en, on, cvce long i & o, & br/st blends br) **Gr. 2** (silent g, silent h, cvce long i, endings with -sh, r-controlled vowels: or)

1st Grade Math: Chapter - Adding & Subtracting Numbers to 20 - finding multiple strategies to add/subtract

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

Classroom & School Updates

- **Nonfiction Texts** - We've received roughly **50 (!)** topical texts from the Coffin School Library that have been requested by our classroom readers! Each student receives at least 1 book. All students have access to our extended nonfiction library to learn more about the world around us.
- **Game Day Mondays** officially begin this **Monday the 27th**. Participation is optional! Let me know if your child is interested in staying after school. Notes or emails by 9 AM on Monday are always best. I like to ask each student to bring a game to share if they have something. I'll have a few games from home available. In the past, students have checked games out from Curtis Memorial Library. It has always been a tremendous experience for all who join. Some days our groups are small with everyone playing the same game. Other days we'll have 3 or 4 different games being played simultaneously. It's an ideal way to help keep us creative and busy during these darker/colder months.
- **Classroom needs:** Thin dry erase markers, washable metal spoons, packing tape (standard size)

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