



1st Grade with Mrs. Elder

Weekly Newsletter



Week of January 6th

Class News:

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break full of adventure, family time and maybe even a little relaxation.

I'm always amazed at how quickly kiddos jump back into their normal school routine, ready to go on day one after a long break. That being said, they still tend to be a little exhausted by the end of the day the first week back so we will not have any homework this week. I hope they can use this time to play and relax.

Also, binders will not go home Monday afternoon. Several binders could use a little repair and reorganization. Once everyone's binder is looking better, we will return to sending them home daily. In the meantime, if you have anything that needs to come to school, you can send it in their backpacks or shoot me an email.

Our winter MAP testing session will start next week. Students will complete reading assessments on Tuesday and Wednesday. A math assessment will be completed the following Tuesday.

Thanks!!
Mrs. Elder

Important Dates/Events:

January 14th – MAP Foundational Reading Assessment

January 15th – MAP Reading Fluency Assessment

January 20th – MLK Day No School

January 21st – MAP Math Assessment



Learning Focus for the week:

Reading – Over the next two weeks, we'll review the thinking strategies that have been covered so far this year. Those include activating schema before, during and after and text-to-text connections, and visualizing as we read.

Word Work – Our word work will focus on adding /ed/ to the end of words to show past tense. Students will discover that /ed/ can be pronounced as /id/ as in landed, as in hushed.

Writing – Through our writing time, students will begin to explore poetry and create their own poems. We'll continue to work on poetry through February.

Math – Students will review math strategies covered so far this year. Those include Counting On, Counting Back, Making 10, Taking from 10, and Facts I Know. Students to solve for unknown parts in word problems.

Science – Light and Sound Waves will be our focus for January and most of February. We'll start by conducting investigations to provide evidence that make sound and that sound can make materials vibrate.

Core Essentials – Our word for the month is Knowledge