



1st Grade Times

With Mrs. Bellerose

February 3, 2012

All assessments are finished, for now, and we are on our way to more great learning. The children have done a great job sharing what they know with me. It is exciting to see so much growth over the last few months. All the children are doing amazing!

What have we been doing?

- **Writing:** We started a story about winter. Each child had to pick 3 things about winter to write about. They have been working on this story a little bit each day. I will take the final stories and publish them into book that the children can illustrate and share with their kindergarten buddies, then bring home to share with you!
- **Math:** We have continued our learning about time. At home, ask your child what time it is, on the hour and half hour. I have introduced to the children that one can skip count by 5's on the clock. Some of the children are able to look at a clock and tell time by 5 minute intervals. This is not an expectation for first grade, but a challenge for those that are ready.
- **Reading:** We will reassemble into new reading groups and build more reading skills. It is exciting to see so many children excited about reading and sharing with me that they LIKE to read!
- **Word Families:** We have continued our learning about /ar/. We also started to learn about the word family /ike/. We have been playing a game of Sparkle. I say a word and each child says a letter until we have spelled the word. You can play this game at home using words with these word families.
- **Ground Hogs Day:** Ask us about our observations. We read a couple books about the groundhog and one was about applying to Weather School. Can you be a Ground Hogs day weather predictor? The answer may surprise you!

What will we be learning about?

- **Dental Health:** We will start to learn about how to take care of our teeth. On Friday, February 17th, Mrs. Daigneault will come into the room and teach us more about taking care of our teeth.



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- Math: We will be celebrating the number 100 next week. Many of our math activities will focus on the number 100.

Important Dates to remember:

- **February 10th**- 100th Day of School- (should be have snow days, this date will be moved ahead.) All children are asked to bring in a collection of 100 items. I am excited to see what creative items come in!
- **February 13th**- Field Trip to North Elementary School to see the play The Lion and the Mouse and Other Tales.
- **Tuesday, February 14th**- Valentine's Day. The children may bring in valentines to hand out to their friends. We will have a chance to open them together. If anyone would like to send in a treat for us all to share, let me know. Thanks!
- **Friday, February 17th**- Mrs. Daigneault will come in and teach us about taking care of our teeth.
- **February 20-24**- **February Vacation week**.
- **February 29**- **Lego Club 2:30-3:00pm** A notice will be coming home soon.