

*Room 213*

# NEWSLETTER

February 2024

Hello Room 213 Families,

Happy February! We are over halfway through the school year, and we will celebrate the 100th day of school this month. We will also be celebrating Mardi Gras with a shoebox float craft. I look forward to this activity each year. Having lived and taught in New Orleans, it is so special for me to get to share a bit of Mardi Gras with my students. This month, our unit theme from Unique is called “I Live in a Community.”

In ELA, we will introduce and practice the following high frequency words: with, our, of, has, the new, slate, different, today, part, place, each. We will continue to work on rhyming words and recognizing spelling patterns. Students will work on reading comprehension skills in daily small groups. Students will also practice tracing or writing their names daily (first name for some students, last name for students who have mastered first name), as well as working on their specific IEP reading and writing goals.

In math, students will continue to participate in calendar math time each morning. During group math time, we will continue practicing counting to 100 by 1’s, as well as skip counting by 5’s, 10’s, and 100’s. We are also learning about place value each day. During work time, students will work on their IEP specific goals related to number recognition, counting, math functions, 1:1 correspondence, and representing double digit numbers with 10’s and 1’s.

During our Science and Social Studies block, we will continue our shift to a more balanced model of both Science and Social studies daily, with weekly focuses, instead of alternating each day. This will continue to include having our weather discussion during Science time each day, and utilizing the interactive “Class News” function of our curriculum.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Best,

Ms. Annika White

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## Things to Note:

- **Please make sure that you label all outerwear (sweaters, sweatshirts, mittens, hats, etc.) that your child brings to school.** This is the best way to ensure that the coats, jackets, hats, gloves, etc. that come to school make it home each day.
- Please check your child's backpack daily for their folder. If there are dirty clothes from an accident in your child's bag, please send replacement clothes the next day.
- It is cold and flu season. Please keep your child home if they are sick, and practice good hand washing with your child!
- Please send your child to school with a water bottle to help them stay hydrated and to reduce the amount of trips out of the classroom to get water from the fountain.
- Please continue to read with your child each night! If you are interested in learning about specific math skills to work on with your child, please reach out!

### Looking Ahead

Quarter 3 Progress Reports - Thursday, February 8

Professional Development Day (No School for Students) - Friday, February 9

Presidents' Day - Monday, February 19

End of Quarter 3 - Friday, March 22

Spring Break - March 25—March 29