

Room 213

NEWSLETTER

January 2024

Hello Room 213 Families,

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your families enjoyed winter break. I am eager to be back at school with all of my students! I am very excited to announce that our Donors Choose project got funded over break, and we will be getting a Promethean Interactive Board. This will be a great learning tool for our class. This month, our unit theme from Unique is called "I Can Be Healthy."

In ELA, we will introduce and practice the following high frequency words: is, I, put, my, when, too, body, her, help, eat, keep, live. We will be focusing on rhyming words and recognizing rhyming patterns. Students will work on reading comprehension skills in daily small groups with some groups focusing on answering "wh" questions, and some groups shifting to look for evidence in a text to support their answers to "wh" questions. 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. 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 be shifting to have a more balanced model of both Science and Social studies daily, with weekly focuses, instead of alternating each day. We will move our weather discussion to Science time each day, and students will engage with the interactive "Class News" function of our curriculum. Weekly focus topics will center around healthy choices, the food pyramid, and community helpers related to health services, such as doctors, nurses, and dentists.

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

Best,

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Things to Note:

- We have outdoor recess if the windchill is above 22 degrees. Please remember to send your student with warm clothes, including a heavy coat, a hat, and gloves/mittens daily.
- **Please make sure that you label all outerwear (sweaters, sweatshirts, mittens, hats, etc.) that your child brings to school.** Initials or first names on the tag are typically best. This helps us ensure that everything your student brings comes home with them.
- Your child comes home with a yellow or blue folder in their backpack daily. It is critical that you check this folder daily. Please remove forms on the left side, as they are to be “left” at home. Please review forms on the right and send them “right” back to school.
- It is cold and flu season. Please keep your child home if they are sick. This helps prevent the spread of sickness to other students. As a reminder, your child must stay home if they have a fever, and should remain home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.
- 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

Healthy Student Market - Thursday, January 11

Quarter 2 Report Cards Sent Home - Friday, January 12

MLK Day (No School) - Monday, January 15

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