### In our Classroom….

#### Literacy

##### January was a busy time in our classroom! We had great success with the 5th literacy task in the Daily Five, called Word Work. In addition, I was able to introduce Fiction writing and some Procedural writing. I am very proud of the improvement I have seen in writing. My students have been working very hard, building their writing stamina while improving the quality of their writing.

#### Math

We focused on Addition strategies to 10 during the month of January. This month we will finish up with Subtraction and start a new unit on Numbers to 100. Unfortunately, the school sites were down for most of January; however, once they are back up I will add links to some more Math games. It is very important that students know their facts to 10 in both Addition and Subtraction. We will continue working to help students become more proficient in knowing and using their facts.

**You and Your World**

This month our focus will continue to be on communities and how they change over time. We will also be exploring the differences between wants and needs of both individuals and their communities. And of course, we will also be doing lots of activities involving Groundhog Day and Valentine’s Day!

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| **Monday** | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|  |  | 1 | 2 **Groundhog Day** | 3 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 13 | 14 **Valentine Party!!** | 15 | 16 | 17 **Scholastic Book Order due** |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
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**Pennies for Polio**

A big “thank you” to you for sending in your pennies and making this fundraiser a big success! Our class did a fantastic job raising money for this worthwhile cause. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will definitely go to help those less fortunate.

### 100 Days of School!!!

#### We are busy preparing lots of fun and educational activities for the 100th day of school. This year the 100th day is tentatively scheduled for February 16th, unless school is cancelled due to a storm. We will be asking each child to bring in a collection or display of 100 items (i.e. Froot Loops, buttons etc). We will be reading many books leading up to the 100th day so students will have lots of ideas on what they can use and how they can easily display them.

**Harkin’s Treasures**

Congrats to Mya and Madison who received the Harkin’s Treasure Award for the month of January. Keep up the great work!

### Happy Valentine’s Day!!!

**February 14th, 2012**

With the month of February comes the little dude called, “cupid” and we will be having a Valentine party on Tuesday, February 14th. I will be sending home a list of the names of the students in our class later this week for those who plan to give out Valentine cards. You are welcome to send in a little treat for the students to celebrate this special occasion with their classmates, but please don’t feel like you have to. Please remember we are a nut free school!

Mrs. Newman February 1st, 2012 February



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