



Kindergarten News February Edition



100th Day of School!

As you will see on the February snack calendar, February 8th is our 100th day of school celebration (as long as we don't have any snow days!). We have been counting towards this day since day 1! Your child will have two homework assignments in relation to the 100th day. The first is our 100 day shirt. You received this letter last week Friday. Your child must pick 100 of the same thing to attach to their shirt. A great way to do this to have your child make piles of 10 and then count the piles 10 to 100. This is a skill we are working on and additional practice cannot hurt! **The shirts are due**

on February 8th.

Our second assignment will be to collect 100 autographs. We will begin this project on our 100th day. Each child will bring home a book with space for 100 signatures. Your child's job is to collect 100 different signatures. This can be from family, friends, whomever they see. **The rule is they must be 100 different people, and your child must ask the people for their signatures!** This project will be due **February 24th.**



Our 100th day is almost here!!

Finally, I am looking for 10

families to donate snack for our 100th day Gorp mix. You will be bringing enough of one item so that each child can have 10 of that food. You do not have to count this out, just use the serving size to estimate how many pieces are in the container. If you would like to donate, please complete the note at the last page of our newsletter, and I will let you know what to send! These items must be sent on **February 8th.**

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Important Dates:

- ☺ **February 8th**—100th Day!
- ☺ **February 14th**—Valentine's Party
- ☺ **February 16th**—Field Trip!
- ☺ **February 17th**—No School
- ☺ **February 21st**—Early Release

Valentine's Day

We will be exchanging Valentine's in class on Tuesday, February 14th. I have included a list of all of the children's names with this newsletter for your reference. **Please have the children address the valentines.** This will give



them practice in writing and reading each other's names. The children will be making a bag in class to hold their valentines. We will be having a small Valentine's Day party in our class. **Please try not to send candy treats with the**

Valentines. This is in accordance with our Wellness Policy. Let's all wear the colors of **Love** that day (red, white, pink, purple)!

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Physical Education Shoes

We are half-way through the school year, and it is a good time to check in with your child and see how his/her shoes are feeling. If they are feeling a bit tight, feel free to send new shoes to school, and I will be happy to trade and send the current ones home. Thank you!



Are the shoes too small??

Reading the Superkids Way

We are half-way through the school year, and are rolling along in reading! We have almost met all of our Superkid friends. The next step will be to join the Superkids Club. This will take us through the rest of the school year. In the Superkids Club, we will continue to learn the rest of



We have almost met all of the Superkids—what will we do next?

the alphabet sounds and letter formation. In fact, in most books, we will two letters! I will continue to send home new lists of words for each book we are working on. It is important that you practice reading these words with your child as often as possible. The more practice the children have with blending, the stronger this

skill will be. It is important also that your child not only be able to read individual words, but also read sentences. This can be a difficult, especially if a child is not comfortable reading single words. We practice blending everyday in school, but it must be practiced at home also. Otherwise, 1st grade will be very difficult.

Math Facts

We are wrapping up our chapter on comparing numbers and will be moving into addition and subtraction. We will practice different methods of solving addition problems—finding the sum, but also finding one of the addends (one of the numbers that is added together to find the sum). Some-



Time to learn facts!

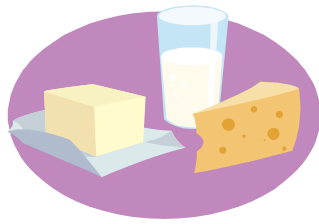
times this skill can be tricky, especially since I will read the children a story problem along with looking at a picture. You may wonder why they are learning to add this way, but it is important to be exposed to different ways to solve problems.

All year we have also been working on counting to 100—by 1's (1, 2, 3, 4, ...100), by 5's (5, 10, 15, ...100) and by 10's (10, 20, 30...100). Any additional practice you can give your child in learning these skills will benefit them

in the future! The car is a great way to help, no props needed. It is also important that your child be able to count up from any given number, not just one. Again, the car is a great place to practice this: for example, say to your child "start counting from the number 6" or "starting counting from the number 15."

Our Daily Snack

Thank you to everyone who has been able to send snack on their day. The children can be very upset when they miss their snack day. Please try to make note of your day for snack, so that no one misses their snack day!



I do want to take a moment to remind you of our Wellness Policy. Please make sure the snacks you are sending to school are **healthy and nutritious**. Birthdays are the exception. If you ever have any questions, or need sug-



gestions for a snack, please do not hesitate to ask!

Field trip!!

As you know, we have another field trip, which is on Thursday, February 16th. We have the special opportunity to see the Florentine Opera perform "The Billy Goats Gruff" sponsored by SC Johnson Wax. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to join us.



Mrs. Whitten and Mrs. Berberich will be joining us. Never fear, as we will be having 2 more field trips this year—a Community Helpers Tour of Burlington, and our annual end of the year trip the Milwaukee County Zoo! Our Community Helpers trip will be in

March, and our Zoo trip will be near the end of May. Please keep these 2 trips in mind, as I will be looking for chaperones! Thank you to all the parents who have joined us on our field trips this year—it has been an unusual amount this year, but ones that have given us great learning experiences!

Library time!

Please try to remember that we have Library **every Tuesday that we are in school**. Many of the children have been forgetting to bring



Library day is:
TUESDAY!!!

their library books, and then they are not allowed to check out, which makes everyone sad. A suggestion is to keep the

book in your child's backpack. Then, they always have it. If you have not read it, then can tell me and Mrs. Doyle is happy to renew it!

100th Day Snack!

On our 100th day, each child will be making their very own snack mix. In order to do this, I am looking for 10 parents to donate the items. If you are able to donate, please complete this form and return it to school as soon as possible. I will then let you know what to send. Thank you for your help!

Mrs. Salmins :)

Name: _____

I am able to donate to the 100th day snack! I WILL SEND IT TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 7TH!
