

Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Kristina

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Dear Parents.

Welcome back from February Break! I am glad everyone is back healthy and happy. Hoping it lasts through the rest of the year. Speaking of the rest of the year...we celebrated our 100th day of school last Wednesday! The countdown to summer is on with 73 days left in the school year! We had a busy week before the break with ice skating, 100th day of school, Valentine's Day and a week of sending and receiving mail through the 2nd grade post office! Ice skating was a lot of fun and we are very proud of everyone's perseverance on the ice.

Check out the Google Drive for pictures and the blue folders for our work to see what we have been up to in class. Have a lovely weekend!

# What we are learning:

#### Language:

We have learned 2 digraphs this week-ch and sh. A digraph is 2 consonants that come together to make one sound. We continue to practice our vowel teams for Jolly Phonics. This week we wrote about our February Break and you can see them on display on the stairs. We are also learning more sight words and next week we will be sending home all the sight words we have learned thus far for review. Everyone should be able to read and spell the sight words.

### Math:

This week we introduced place value which we have been learning about since the beginning of the year while counting days in school. Starting next week, we will be beginning to develop an understanding of the part-part-whole concept. The ability to recognize a whole, and the different parts that make up the whole, is critical for math fluency in later school years.

#### Theme:

Science/100th Day/Valentine's Day Week

Before the break, we made predictions in our science experiments. We measured popped popcorn vs unpopped popcorn and estimated how much 100 drops of water would fill our cups. We celebrated the 100th day with a 100th day shape art project. We made loving flamingos, Valentine's cards and had a special Valentine's Day party on Friday to celebrate.

## Frog Week

We have been having fun learning about frogs and the frog life cycle. On Friday we extended the frog learning with a measurement and gross motor activity...Frog Jump! We made frogs out of origami and had a frog jumping race. We measured the distance the frogs could jump and had fun racing with our frogs.

### **Reminders:**

- ★ Check the extra clothing bag in cubbies to make sure there is seasonally appropriate clothing inside which includes pants, a shirt, socks and underwear.
- ★ Homework and library book on Tuesdays
- ★ Clean out cubbies every Friday
- ★ No toys at school

# Important dates:

- ★ March 18 & 19: Parent/Teacher Meetings
- ★ March 25: School Meeting
- ★ April 3: Portfolio Check & Tea Party 2:30pm
- ★ April 4-19: Spring Break
- ★ April 23: Dress like a book character day