# March Is Reading Month!



We will be reading Dr. Seuss books all month and his books will inspire our writing.

# Reading Challenge

We are asking for your child to read to you for at least 15 minutes each day. Please have your child read any books he/she brings home to fulfill these minutes and/or any books you have at the house that your child can read to you.

## Fun Friday -- Sight Word Challenge

Your child should have brought home a copy of the sight word list. The list should have had checks on it next to all the words your child was able to read in 3 seconds. Please practice these words daily with your child. This can also be part of your 15 minutes of reading. Every Friday this month, I will reassess your child on his/her sight words.

# Here are your child's goals...

**Weekly Goal:** To be able to read at least five new sight words without having to sound them out.

**Monthly Goal**: To be able to read all the kindergarten sight words without having to sound them out.

On Friday, your child will bring home a note showing which words he/she still needs to master reading within 3 seconds.

## Wacky Days

This Friday is Wacky Hat day. Please send in a hat that your child can keep at school during the month. Your child can wear the wacky hat during our independent reading time. Each Friday will be a different wacky day. Your child should have brought home a flyer identifying the theme for each Friday. The fourth Friday, we will have a celebration by wearing our pajamas and watching The Lorax.

# Reading Pictures Wanted

We are creating a reading board with pictures of the class reading in fun places. Please send in a picture of your child reading in a fun place. The calendar your child brought home last week had lots of fun suggestions. Please make sure the picture is one that you do not need returned, so please make sure you have a copy of it.

#### **Guest Readers**

We would love to have you or a family member come to our class to be a guest reader. If you are interested, send me a note or email. We can set up a day and time for you to bring in a favorite children's book to read to us.

## Your Child's Special Helper Day

When your child is the special helper, please send in a book that he/she feels confident reading to his/her friends. Please pick this book several days prior to his/her helper day, so he/she can practice reading it several nights before reading it to the class. I will send home a calendar with each child's special helper day.

## Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss's birthday is March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will celebrate his birthday by having a birthday party for him. Our entire day will focus around his books. We will make Cat in the Hat hats and write rhyming words on them. We will play some birthday games like Pin the Hat on the Cat, Musical Chairs, and Pop the Balloon. We also will have ice cream as a birthday treat. We will read <u>Put Me In the Zoo</u> during writing, and the children will write what animal they would put in the zoo and why. This goes with our current writing unit: Opinion Writing.

## Cat In The Hat

As a surprise, The Cat in the Hat will come to be a guest reader. Of course, he will read the book that has him as the main character. We will show him how happy we are that he is a guest reader by wearing our hats we create on his birthday. We hope to get a picture with this special guest. And, we (the teachers anyway) hope Thing I and Thing 2 do not show up!

## **Weebly Pictures**

Don't forget to check out our Weebly page. I will upload pictures from the birthday party and The Cat in the Hat's visit. The Weebly is a great way for you to have a peek into what happens at school. If you haven't checked it out in a while, I have put up new pictures from our events in February.

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book." -- Dr. Seuss

Happy Reading!!!