Mrs. Hofmann’s Classroom Newsletter

Reading

Over the next week we will focus on:

- Exploring the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius and the ancient city of Pompeii.
- Identifying the main idea and supporting details in a passage.
- Having fun with facts and opinions on Groundhog’s Day.
- Increasing our independent reading stamina.
- Reading with fluency and expression as we perform Reader’s Theater skits.

Math

During the next week we will:

- Review symmetry.
- Create symmetrical masks and patterns.
- Explore the concept of congruence.
- Review 3 dimensional shapes.
- Identify the parts and differences of pyramids and prisms.

Please encourage your child to practice his or her facts either with flashcards, worksheets or the xtramath or tenmarks websites.

Our Unit 6 math test will be on Tuesday, February 7. Review information will be sent home shortly.

Social Studies

We are returning to Social Studies Alive. We will travel from outer space back to Earth and learn geography along the way. We will focus on being able to identify the following on a map:

- Hemispheres (all four)
- Equator and Prime Meridian
- Earth’s 4 oceans
- Earth’s 7 continents

Writing

It’s time to move on to opinion writing. We will launch this unit by enjoying several mentor texts. As we enjoy the stories, we will identify the varying reasons the story characters use to try and convince readers of their opinions.
Spelling Unit #19
Unit 19:
draw dawn crawl straw lawn raw
law cost across belong cross soft
song boss lost

Challenge: because bought caught
drawer yawning

It’s time to move to the capital letters in cursive! We will learn the letters D, C and E.

Valentine’s Day!
We will have a small celebration in our classroom on Tuesday, February 14. Your child is welcome to bring in valentine cards, but to prevent broken hearts, please make sure that your child brings in a card for each member of our class. If your son or daughter wants to attach a small piece of NUT FREE candy to his or her valentine, that is fine, too. We will be making bags in school, so no mailboxes will be needed. Please bring cards in NO LATER THAN MONDAY 2/13.

Reminders to Students:
✓ Don’t forget to empty your mailbox before you head home each day!
✓ I’d like for you to log on to www.xtramath.org at least one night per week. We will take care of the other two times at school.

Contact Me!
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at:

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Leave a message with your name and phone number and I will call you back.