



# First Grade Newsletter

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## Language Arts News

Students are working on using strategies to help them comprehend a variety of texts. Questioning is a strategy a good reader uses before, during and after reading. Students will generate questions and then discuss the answer's relationship to the question. Questions can be answered by using the text, making an inference using clues from the author or by searching in other resources (i.e.– encyclopedias, online, etc..). However, sometimes students discover there may be no answer for their question! Encourage your child to ask questions and seek answers before, during and after reading. Discuss the relationship between the question and answer (in the text, in my head (inferring, search or unanswered).



## Valentine's Day Party

February 14th will be our Valentine's Day party! The party will begin at 10:45. If you are sending in party supplies or goodies please do so by the 14th. **Students should label their own valentines by using the class list provided on the back of this newsletter. Every child should receive a valentine from a classmate.** If you are giving valentines, please send them to school before or on our party date. We appreciate all the parents who support our party by sending in treats. It is always so nice to hear children telling others how much they care. We will have a lovely time!!!



## Science



Last term and into the beginning of term 3 students are working on the science of sound and light! Students are focusing on the big question...How do scientists and engineers use light and sound to design and build devices which can communicate over long distances? Student will explore sound and light through online text resources, videos, and partner/class experiments in order to find answers to the guiding question above. Ask your child to share what they have learned about the science of sound and light!

## Black History Month

February is National Black History month! In the month of February students will hear African American literature. In addition, students may also research African folktales or read biographies to learn more about the contributions of African Americans. Ask your child to share what he/she learns!



## Math

Term 3 will be full of problem solving! Students will solve word problems, unknown equations ( $5+?=7$ ), identify place value and compare numbers ( $<$ ,  $>$ ,  $=$ ) to 120. . In addition, students will be adding and subtracting two digit numbers with two digit and one digit numbers!

