



# Here's what we have been working on:

**Language!:** My first period Language Class has just started Level Two of the *Language!* curriculum. The stories we will be reading are more complex, both in decoding skills and in comprehension. We are focusing on the r-controlled vowels this week, ar, or, and er.

My second period *Language!* class is also making gains. For the next few weeks we will be working on the diagraphs sh, ch, wh, and th. We continue working on writing and comprehension skills as well.

**Math:** My Math class has just finished learning to tell time. Now that we are all secure in our addition facts, we are moving on to subtraction. We also celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school by exploring the number 100 and different ways to group 100 items (a small introduction to the concept of division).

**Language Arts:** We are starting a unit on Grammar and will be focusing on nouns, verbs, and adjectives. In the next few weeks, we will be participating in The Reading Rainbow Story Contest. Each student will create his or her own 200 word story accompanied by illustrations.



**Social Studies:** The class will be studying George Washington and Abraham Lincoln in preparation for President's Day on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Science:** We are continuing our unit on Balance and Motion. We will be using a new Foss Science Kit that has many hands on and exploratory experiments. We have made tops, zoomers, gliders, and rollers so far. The students are really enjoying our latest experiments.



**Other Notes:**

\***February 14<sup>th</sup>** is Valentine's Day. Our class will exchange Valentine's with our class and Ms. Fulcher's class. Please make sure your student provides a Valentine for each student. I will send home a list of names in a separate email.

\***February 15<sup>th</sup>** is VIP Day. Each student is invited to bring one special adult with him or her to school for the morning. I hope you can come see how hard your child works each day! This will be an **early release day**. School will end at **12:05**.

\***February 29<sup>th</sup>** is Dr. Seuss's birthday. The students can wear their pajamas to school and bring a pillow and blanket if they wish. We will spend our day celebrating reading. We will invite guest readers to come read books to us. If you are interested in reading to the class, please let me know. I will send home a list of available times in a separate email.

\***March 1<sup>st</sup>** is our Destination Imagination Competition! The competition will be at Westlake High School. More information will be coming soon. Please help your child study his or her lines at home. It is hard to believe we only have 3 ½ weeks left until the performance.

*\*Please remember that **no tank tops** of any kind are allowed in our dress code. If you would like another copy of the Student/Parent Handbook sent home, please contact me or the Office.\**

\*Please send in any empty **tissue boxes** or **shoe boxes** at any time. I use them frequently for projects. I also collect empty cylindrical oatmeal boxes and metal coffee cans. Thanks!\*

