

# February Newsletter

## Sight Word Karate

I have tested everyone for their next belt and given all students the belts they have earned and we are ready to practise and continue earning our next belts. I'm glad to see that all the students are enthusiastic about this and are trying their best to learn their words for each belt. Just a quick note...I let the students know when we started this activity that they were responsible for their key rings and belts. If they are lost, it is unfortunate but I cannot replace them. I will however continue to give them the belts they earn as we go along. So if their key ring is lost, they will need to find another way to store their belts.

## Help at home

We are beginning to learn about writing "recounts". This is basically a retelling of events in the order they happened. You will see examples of this in things like newspaper articles, journal or diary entries and some stories. You can help your child at home by having them talk to you about what happened to them during the day, encouraging them to recount the events in the order they happened and with detail or have them keep a journal at home about different events. As well have them recount to you what happened in a story you just read together.

## Star Strategy Reading Tip - Questioning

Encourage your child when reading at home to ask questions before during and after reading a book. These questions can be encouraged by using the prompts "who, what, where, why and how." By asking these questions your child will be better able to understand what they are reading on a deeper level.

In Math, students are going to be looking at 2 dimensional shapes and their attributes (how many sides, vertices, what makes a square a square etc.). Please work with your child at home to practise these skills.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School/Penny Wishes

On Friday Feb. 6 it was our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school. To help celebrate we took part in activities that involved the number 100.

Jacob Beam's Penny Wishes campaign started on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. Students are encouraged to bring in any loose change to contribute between Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have a jar in our classroom to keep donations.

## Valentines Day

We will be having a small Valentine's party on Fri. Feb 13<sup>th</sup> since we will be going skating in the afternoon. I will provide a treat for our party. If you are sending Valentines for the class we have 18 students, their names are as follows if you choose to address them individually: Max, Abbey, Kyle, Zoran, Trinity, Michael, Nikola, Valerie, Abby, Navy, Chloe, Lexi, Haley, Nolan, Jacob, Alyssa, Madyson, Ryan.

## Still looking for....

As always we still welcome donations of used books, games or puzzles that your child is no longer using at home. As well, it would be a great help in the organization of winter apparel if you were to send in a basket for your child's mittens, hats, scarves and indoor shoes. I am hearing lots of complaints of lost items and an individual basket for each child would help to alleviate this problem. These baskets can be found at the dollar store if you don't have one at home to send. Thanks for your cooperation.

