



# Room 134's Monthly Newsletter

FEBRUARY, 2020

## Things We are Learning...

### Foundations:



We are beginning Unit 7 in Foundations.

### Reading:



We are continuing our fiction reading unit entitled, "Developing Ideas About Characters: Thinking & Talking About Books in Partnerships." In the second half of this unit, we are focusing on ways to share our reading with partners. Students will read books containing the same characters, and share their thinking/ideas about these characters. Students will develop ideas about characters, and look for supporting evidence in the text.

### Writing:



We are continuing to draft realistic fiction stories. The goals of this unit include:

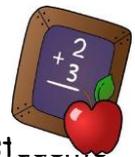
- Writers develop believable characters.
- Writers create stories where their characters face trouble and need to solve it.
- Writers develop small moment scenes where the characters unsuccessfully attempt to solve their troubles.
- Writers give and get feedback from their partners.
- Writers reread their writing often and use all they know to make changes and edits all throughout the writing process.

### Content:

We will be continuing our science unit on Earth Systems. We will shift our focus from landforms and bodies of water to weathering and erosion.



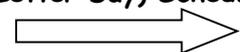
### Math:



We are starting module 5. In Module 4, students developed addition and subtraction fluency within 100 and began developing conceptual understanding of the standard algorithm via place value strategies. In Module 5, students build upon their mastery of renaming place value units and extend their work with conceptual understanding of the addition and subtraction algorithms **to numbers within 1,000**, always with the option of modeling with materials or drawings. Throughout the module, students continue to focus on strengthening and deepening conceptual understanding and fluency.

*\*Please continue to practice math facts on a daily basis (addition and subtraction through 20). Please let me know if you'd like me to provide you with resources to practice. Thank you!*

**Please see the reverse side of the Newsletter for events, notes, and February's Letter Day) Schedule.**



**Upcoming Events:**



- 2/5 World Read Aloud Day
- 2/7- Late Start
- 2/14- Happy Valentine's Day
- 2/17-2/21- Mid Winter Recess (no school)
- 2/28 Late Start

**Birthdays:**



2/25- Happy Birthday Mrs. Campbell!

**News and Notes:**

- Thank you for sending in the salt dough!
- Be on the lookout for your child's Realistic Fiction story to come home and remember to write a glow!
- Take a look at the letter regarding Valentine's Day.
- Always feel free to contact us at any time [FinsmithD@hohschools.org](mailto:FinsmithD@hohschools.org) and [Campbellm@hohschools.org](mailto:Campbellm@hohschools.org)



**Letter Schedule:**

Monday 2/3	B
Tuesday 2/4	C
Wednesday 2/5	D
Thursday 2/6	E
Friday 2/7	F <b>*LATE START*</b>
Monday 2/10	A
Tuesday 2/11	B
Wednesday 2/12	C
Thursday 2/13	D 
Friday 2/14	E 
2/17 to 2/21	<b>Mid-Winter Recess</b> <b>*No School*</b> 
Monday 2/24	F
Tuesday 2/25	A
Wednesday 2/26	B
Thursday 2/27	C
Friday 2/28	D <b>*LATE START*</b>

