

COACH HORN'S HUDDLE



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Welcome back to another wonderful week of school. We have had so many fun and exciting activities that I don't even know where to begin reporting! So here goes.... The 100th Day of School was a lot of fun. We worked on several different units: writing a "100" story, 100 day math, a 100 day booklet, and a special guest "my mom" who read us a wonderful story called the "100 Day Worries". Almost everyone brought in 100 things from home and we enjoyed counting them in different ways and sharing them with the class. We were so interested to see that when comparing objects that 100 things doesn't always have to be in a huge package!

We also celebrated Chinese New Year on the same day. We watched a short video on the Discovery Education link and we learned about the Year of the Dragon. We also completed some fun center activities, but the best part of the celebration came when Kathy Bian's mother came in with some goodies! Not only were we surprised but also we were also really full! Thank you once again Ms. Chen for your generous time and effort to make our day so special!

In our Houghton Mifflin reading work this week we completed our reading unit on Insects and Bugs and worked on comparing and contrasting many different attributes. We also created a bug of our own and wrote stories about where they could be found. I have some very creative students in my classroom! Make sure to look for the completed projects in their Friday Folders.

In math this week we worked on our new unit that revolves around different units of measurement. We have been running around the school measuring things with blocks,

paper feet, and paper clips. Who says that you can't use nontraditional units of measurement to get a reading!!

EARLY ALERT! EARLY ALERT! EARLY ALERT!

Please send a shoebox for your child's valentine mailbox. We do not need the lids! We will decorate them at school closer to Valentine's Day! Any extra boxes are welcome! I put together a list of names for the students so that they can begin creating their cards. Please look for it in the Friday Folder next to the homework!

Next week's Spelling Test will be on Thursday, February 2nd! February 3rd is an all day professional development day for the staff. There is no school for students that day!

Important Economic news from the First Grade! The first graders have started their friendship pin-making company this week. Each first grader has applied for a job and we voted for the name of our company. We will be starting our jobs sometime in the near future. We will be making posters about each job and discussing economic terms such as: goods, services, consumers, producers, specialization, opportunity cost, scarcity, choices, benefits, costs, trade, profit and teamwork. The friendship pins will be available for sale the week before Valentine's Day!

Our STUDENT OF THE WEEK IS CHLOE MCDONNELL!

Her favorite color is pink. Chloe likes to watch the show So Random and she enjoys the Junie B. Jones book series. Chloe loves to swim and sing and would like to be a model in the future. Her favorite food is cupcakes! Her favorite pet is a horse! She would love to travel to California one of these days! Her favorite thing about her family is that they are close and her home is filled with love. Way to go Chloe!!!

BOOK ORDERS ARE DUE THURSDAY, February 2ND!!

HAVE A TERRIFIC WEEKEND EVERYONE! SEE YOU ALL ON MONDAY! AUDRA SMITH HORN