

# The Murray Mailbox

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## Groundhog's Day

On Thursday we celebrated Groundhog's Day by taking "Gunther Groundhog" out of hibernation and checking to see if he/she could see their shadow. We took Gunther outside, and we took a class picture with our Gunthers. It was sunny. We talked about the famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil. He saw his shadow on Thursday in Pennsylvania, which means six more weeks of winter. We did groundhog math, learned some groundhog facts, read a groundhog book, and did some "fun" sheets.



## Valentine's Day

**Please remember to send a shoebox for your child's valentine mailbox.** Also please do not send any candy with your child on Valentine's Day. Pencils, tattoos, stickers, or other small gifts are fine, but candy should not be brought to school. Thanks for your help with the no candy policy.

## The Lucky Pins

Wow! What a great two days for the first grade company The Lucky Pins! The manufacturers, advertisers, sales/distributors, and accountants worked very hard. The manufacturers have become very adept at putting together great color combinations and beads that compliment the "special" bead in the middle of the pin! The advertisers' posters are in the hallway, and they will begin making announcements to let Conway School know that we are selling Friendship Pins. The sales/distributors have decorated envelopes to put the pins in when they are purchased. They will be selling pins starting on Wednesday, February 8th! The accountants have been practicing their money skills and will have some real money to count on Wednesday! What hard workers our company has this year! Super job, First Graders!



## Reading

In reading this week we listened to the story "Pearl's First Prize Plant" in our big book. We also played a game with facts and opinions. We added more words to our word wall and continued to work on separating words into their phonemes. Keep up the fantastic reading 1-M! You are becoming terrific first grade readers.

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## Volunteers

**A big thanks to the three parents who offered to help us sell pins next week. Thanks for volunteering your time. First graders are very excited to sell our Friendship Pins.**



## Math

In math this week we continued to work on our measuring skills. Students used baby feet, basketball feet, and popsicle sticks to measure different pieces of tape around our room. We also measured the jumps of different animals. Keep up the great work, 1-M.

## Homework

**We are doing great on our "Story of the Week" homework. First Graders are adding more detail while writing. Also the stories are organized and well thought out. Keep up all the excellent work, 1-M. I'm so proud of you!**

## Conway Auction

"Invitations to the Conway Auction and Dinner have been mailed. Now, it is time to send in your registration for the night of fun! Don't miss the Early Bird discount; get those registrations in quickly.

The Auction Catalog is nearing completion. If any remaining donations are out there, get them in now! This is a Last Call for donations!"



## Upcoming Events

### **Friday, February 3rd**

No School for Students  
Teacher's Professional Development Day

### **Tuesday, February 14th**

Valentine's Day Parties  
2:30 p.m.

### **Friday, February 17th**

Early Release Day  
1:15 p.m. Dismissal

### **Monday, February 20th**

No School  
President's Day

**Enjoy your long weekend!**