




# CLASSROOM NOTES

For the end of the week of: January 26, 2015

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Happy February! Brrrr.....It's been cold and snowy and looks like it might stay this way for a while! Please make sure your child has what is needed for outdoor recess.	
<b>R E A D I N G &amp; Grammar</b>	We are comparing/contrasting different texts on the same topic. Students have been analyzing the important details from different texts. We have studied Martin Luther King Jr. and fire fighter stories. This week = hummingbirds.
<b>Math</b> The math fluency goal for Quarter 3 = 38!	We are exploring 3-digit addition. Additionally, Ms. Gliba came in and conducted a telling time lesson with the students focusing on the words quarter after and quarter till. <b>AND</b> ... Mrs. Christian came in to teach us a math game called <b>Treasure Hunt!</b> Wow! What a great week in Math! 
<i>Word Study/</i> <i>Writing Workshop</i>	<b>Word Study:</b> Students are exploring vowel clusters words. These are challenging because there are several different ways to spell words! Practice-Practice-Practice! <b>Writing:</b> After enjoying the story about Mercy Watson, students brainstormed ideas about why Mercy Watson is such a lovable character. These ideas were transferred to an opinion piece – which is the writing focus for this grading period.
<b>Idiom &amp; Root of the Week</b>	<b>Idiom:</b> “Play it by Ear” <b>Root:</b> hyper = too much
<b>A+ Attitudes = A+ Students</b>	To support the theme of our Caring Classroom Community of Learners, we will be focusing on Character Development. For the month of February, the A+ Attitude will be <b>SELF-CONTROL: I CAN To hold back or contain my feelings or behavior.</b> <i>Practicing self-control helps to avoid doing something that you know is wrong, and you might regret later.</i>
“CRAFTIVITY”	After enjoying the story <u>Gregory’s Shadow</u> , students created a groundhog and made a prediction about the groundhog and its shadow!
<b>Spark Some Discussion</b>	Be sure to ask your child about Mercy Watson! What made this character so lovable?
<i>Quote for the Week</i>	“See the little groundhog, furry and brown. See the little groundhog, look all around. If he sees his shadow, down he goes. There’s more winter, Little Groundhog knows.” ~ Unknown Author
<b>Important Dates</b>	<b>February:</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> = Valentine Party; 13 <sup>th</sup> = NO SCHOOL (Students); 16 <sup>th</sup> = NO SCHOOL
That's all for now. Thank you for your support. Make it a great week!	

