



Mrs. Hunwick's First Facts

Language Arts/ Math

Dear Parents: Happy New Year!

*In reading we continue to work in Theme Four. Each day the children use the Smart Board to correct spelling, find high frequency words, nouns, verbs, adjectives and count the number of sentences in the morning message.

*Please notice the word cards in your child's Take Home Folder.

*In Theme Four the children are working on words with **s** blends such as **sp, sn** and **sw**. Also, consonant clusters with and **s**: **sl, sn, sp, sk, sc** and **squ**.

*The **short e** and **short u** sounds are concentrations.

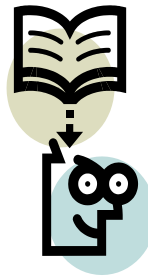
*In Six Traits of Writing we are beginning the fourth trait "Word Choice". In this unit the children will learn to use the five senses to help them write. They will write how something feels, hears, smells, tastes

and what it looks like. They will also learn to use verbs in their writing.

*Next week we will read the story *Caribbean Dream* by Rachel Isadora. The children will write their own lyrics to correlate with their works of art by using watercolor. These will be displayed in the hallway.

*Our class is proud to represent the January showcase on the first floor. The class created penguins and similes to decorate the space.

*In Chapter 5 we will focus on Place Value, Number Stories and Basic Facts. The children will investigate concepts for tens and ones, explore two-digit addition and develop the concept of surface area and learn about weighing objects with a pan balance.



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Science/ Social Studies

*In Science we began the Solids Investigation. The children have learned that everything in the world is made of a solid, liquid or gas. They observed objects and labeled the properties of each object.

*Our class continues to work on Unit 3 "Work! Work! Work!" in Social Studies. We have concluded the "Needs and Wants"

portion. We are currently discussing foods, producers and consumers and how these ideas correlate.

*In Computers the children worked in Tux Paint and created a writing/art piece of their favorite fish. This correlates with the story *The Aquarium* in our anthologies.

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Points of Interest:

- ☺ **Thank you to all the wonderful parent volunteers from our class!!**
- ☺ Saturday January 8th: First Open Gym at Maire.
- ☺ In order for students to get a new Bag-A-Book they must bring the book back to school in the bag provided with the reading log.
- ☺ Please make sure children come to school with the appropriate clothing. Snow pants, coat, hat, gloves and boots. Thank you.
- ☺ Many of the students are experiencing scarcity when they look into their supply boxes. Many of them are out of glue sticks, crayon and markers. Please send these supplies in if needed. *8-16 Crayola crayons, *8 classic colored markers.