

Happy New Year and yikes! Where does the time go? I apologize for not sending more updates, but it has been crazy busy here at school! We have been busy learning about fairy tales, making inferences and visualizing while we read, action verbs, multiplication, division, crayfish, and how to write persuasively. We have a lot of exciting activities coming up so please read the information below carefully. **If you have any questions, please give me a call!**

TREATS: If you would be willing to send healthy treats or a drink for our Valentine's Day/Friendship Day celebration on February 14, please let me know! If you have not helped out this year, please consider sending something this time so the same parents don't have to always send the goodies! This will be pretty low key....just a special snack and an exchange of Valentine's or Friendship cards for those that wish to participate.

VALENTINE'S DAY/FRIENDSHIP DAY: Students may bring

Valentines/Friendship Cards to exchange on February 14. However, if they bring a Valentine/Friendship Card for one girl, they must bring a Valentine/Friendship Card for all of the girls in our class. Likewise, if they bring a Valentine/Friendship Card for one boy they must bring a Valentine/Friendship Card for all of the boys in our class. They are also welcome to bring treats that can be easily taken home.

Also, each student will need to bring a box, bag, or container of some kind for the Valentines they receive. Please have them decorate it, but don't send it to school until February 14th! Tell them to be creative! Don't forget to wear red that day!

<u>SNOW GEAR</u>: Please remember to send snow pants, a warm coat, a hat, gloves or mittens, boots and a pair of shoes for in the classroom to school with your child every day when there is snow on the ground. Also, make sure everything gets

dried out at home before sending it back to school the next day. We do not have any kind of dryers or heaters that blow warm air to help us with this at school. Thanks for your cooperation!

<u>REPORT CARDS</u>: There will <u>not</u> be a report card until the end of the year.

<u>MATH FACTS</u>: We are getting better every day! Please continue to have your child practice his or her basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division math facts at home. This does not have to be torture!! Make a game out of it. If you do not have flash cards, use a deck of playing cards. Have your child draw two cards and tell you the answer they would get if they multiplied or added. Ask your child about the fact family for that set of numbers. A pair of dice would work too! Riding in a car is another great place to practice math facts!

<u>AR:</u> Ask your child how close he or she is to reaching the AR goal for the month of January. If he or she is having a hard time finding books at his or her level, tell him or her to talk to me. Thanks for encouraging your child to reach his or her goals.

<u>ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOKS AND READING LOVERS CALENDAR</u>: Please continue to sign these on a daily basis. I am encouraging honesty, so please help me out by only signing the calendar if your child has truly read that night. I do not expect anyone to read every night of the week, but I do believe that reading for at least 20 minutes, 4 out of 7 nights, is a realistic goal for any family. Happy Reading!

Thanks again for all you have done to make this a great year!

Mrs. Ludwig

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(class list is below)

Class List For Valentines

| Madalynn | Regina | Jaiyana |
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| Anthony | Aiden G. | Kristina |
| Kyleigh | Chase | Addison |
| Evan | Aidan L. | Marcus |
| Ella | Jack | Lucas |
| Harley | Brennan | Annabelle |
| Ethan | Hailey | |