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# Kindergarten News



off

Ms. Bitwinski's Class

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## Literacy

## Project Groundhog

Students are bringing home their *Strategy Bookmarks* today in literacy folders. There have been many questions from parents about what to do when their child is struggling to read a word. In reading, we teach strategies so that students will have a plan of attack when faced with a new word. On thing that we do NOT do is to ask children to sound out words...our English language has too many exceptions to the rule for that.

Students have worked with *Eagle Eye* who reminds them to check out the pictures first and foremost. *Lips the Fish* has them get their mouth ready with the first sound of the word. *Skippy the Frog* says, "Say the first sound and skip the rest of the word. Read to the end of the sentence then hop back and read it again!" *Trying Lion* reminds us to try it again...does it sound right? Does it make sense? *Chunky Monkey* has children look for a chunk that they know...the little word **and** in **hand**. *Stretchy the Snake* and *Flippy the Dolphin* are friends that work for more advance readers.

Since we couldn't find a groundhog here at CGS on February 2<sup>nd</sup> morning kindergartners took our guinea pig, Spike outside to see if he would see his shadow. It was cloudy and 42 degrees on Wednesday morning so Spike predicts an early spring! HOORAY!!

Kindergartners are recording the daily weather conditions as well as the temperature in their Project Groundhog books daily. We are collecting data to see if the groundhog's prediction is myth or fact.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Day

Students are counting the way to the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School here in kindergarten. We are planning some special activities for next Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, which will be the 100<sup>th</sup> day that we have been in school. It is a bit later this year due to the 10 missed days early in the school year. Be sure to send in the 100 project that you and your child have been working on.

## Valentine's Day

We will celebrate Valentine's Day next Tuesday with a special snack and activities. Students received a list of fellow classmates to use as they prepare their valentine cards at home. They will "mail" them into their friends' decorated mailbags when they bring them into school.

## Family Corner

There is a PTO meeting this evening an our school @ 6:30 PM Childcare is available in an adjoining area. Support our school by taking an active role in your child's education through the PTO.

## February Birthdays

We'll imagine this...there are NO birthdays in February in either of our classes!! Luckily we have Valentine's Day and the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School to celebrate.

*Jump Rope for Heart* will take place in every PE class next week. Activities to promote heart health will be featured for all students. Our classes have PE on Wednesdays so please remember to have your child wear or bring sneakers.

Enjoy this beautiful February weather!

