

Mr. Funderburk's Coffin School
First Grade Classroom Newsletter Vol. 9
February 10 –March 3, 2014 (2 full weeks of school)

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- **5-2-1-0** Colors Week, **February 10-14**, healthy eating themed – **WEAR** the themed color of the day – *Monday is rainbow, Tuesday is green, Wednesday is yellow, Thursday is blue and Friday is red*
- **Friendship Celebration/Valentine's Day** Snack/Buffer – **Friday February 14** from 10:00-10:30 AM with Mrs. Doughty & Bean's classes
- **No School** the week of **February 17-21, 2014** –February vacation
- **Community Readers/Dr. Seuss' birthday** – **Monday March 3** – Community members read in the classroom, Bowdoin professor and HBS parent, Matt Klinge will guest read in our room
- **March Music Concert** – **Friday March 7** @ 9:30 and 2:00 (same performance both times)
- **Parent Teacher Conferences** – close to a month away – **Friday March 14**

This Week We're Working on...

- **Literacy:** Reading texts that have a "color" or healthy food choice theme, president themed texts, 100th day of school activities (reading 100 word wall words, timing our reading of a 100 word story)
- **Word Work** – Spelling assessment on some of the basic priority words (many are included in the homework), homophones for numbers (one, won, two, to, too, for, four, eight, ate)
- **Monthly Unit Study:** Presidents, Eve Bunting author study wrap up
- **Writing: Nonfiction Unit of Study** –We recently began partnering to have readers ask questions of our writer's informational books. We will continue that process and jump into self-assessing and setting goals, studying and analyzing our writing and editing (with an emphasis on spelling, capitals and punctuation)
- **Math: Chapter 8: Adding and Subtracting Numbers to 20** - Wrapping up chapter 8 so we can take the chapter test before the break – we should be able to accomplish that even with a day dedicated to the 100th day of school (we'll estimate the # of stones in our jar – more/less than 100, graph our answers, and create crowns with ten 10 frames)

Classroom Notes

- **Homework** is a little different this week (in a good way)– if you ever have questions, just let me know – Homework completion is through the roof – **Thank You!** We regularly have 76%-82% completions each week – **AMAZING!!!!**
- This may very well be the *busiest* week of the school year in regards to planning – This week alone is Color's week (healthy eating), The 100th day of school (a big deal for elementary children), Valentine's Day, not to mention a dentist visit (see next bullet) all on the heels of a week-long break and regular classroom planning
- **Children's Dental Health Month** is happening now – Merry meeting Bad Dental Society will have **FREE** screenings available to all children this week – a YES/NO permission form was sent home, but our class only received 6 slips – The screening is *not* meant to take the place of a regular examination but it's meant to encourage oral hygiene habits and support a positive relationship between the dentist and child. Results will be sent home. Either way, let me know if you're a YES or NO for your child to be screened
- **Friendship Party/Valentine's Celebration** – This Friday from 10:00-10:30 – We have muffins, baguettes, napkins and paper plates accounted for but we're still looking for the following: *Juice, cream cheese, fruit, jam, volunteer help to set up (9-10 or earlier)* – e-mail is fine to confirm if you can send something
- Don't forget to send **100 (small) items** with your child *by Wednesday* (I have a few already) and **17 addressed Valentines by Friday**
- **Computer Lab** –*Type To Learn 4* (typing program) last week; This Week: *Moby Math* (new Math site)
- **Music Concert Song Lyrics (3 songs)** are included on the back of this newsletter
- **Thank you** to those who continue to log on to the [IXL website](http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/IXL_website) –Chapter 8 friendly portions include A3, B6-B13, B18-B22, E1-10 – *Our district may transition to a new home/Math site known as Moby Math – testing it now*

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Ise Oluwa

2X Ise oluwa ko le ba je oh
Ise oluwa ko le ba je oh.
Kole ba je oh ko le ba je oh
Kole ba je oh ko le ba je oh.
Ise oluwa ko le ba je oh
Ise oluwa ko le ba je oh
(Ee-shay o-loo-wa ko lay ba J oh)

B-A, Bay

B-A bay,
B-E bee,
B-I, biddie by,
B-O, bo, Biddie by bo,
B-U, bu, biddie by bo bu, bu.
This is just a silly song! The words don't mean a thing.
Never mind the silly words,
Just open up and sing. Oh!
B-A bay,
B-E bee,
B-I, biddie by,
B-O, bo, Biddie by bo,
B-U, bu, biddie by bo bu, bu.

Old Joe Clark

Old Joe Clark, he had a house,
Was sixteen stories high,
And every story in that house
was full of chicken pie.
Fare ye well, Old Joe Clark,
Fare ye well, I say.
Fare ye well, Old Joe Clark,
I am goin' away.
I went over to Old Joe's house,
And stayed to have some supper;
I stubbed my toe on the table leg,
And squished my nose in the butter.
Fare ye well, Old Joe Clark,
Fare ye well, I say.
Fare ye well, Old Joe Clark,
I am goin' away.
The raccoon has a bushy tail,
The possum's tail is bare;
The rabbit has no tail at all,
Except a bunch of hair.
Fare ye well, Old Joe Clark,
Fare ye well, I say.
Fare ye well, Old Joe Clark,
2X I am goin' away.