



# Mrs. Schalk's Class Newsletter

February 3, 2012

## What will we study next week:

**Spelling:** No spelling list this week due to CoGAT testing. Please have your child well rested and feed them a good breakfast.

**Vocabulary:** We will study the words: agony, chitchat, predict, and shipshape.

**Grammar:** We will not have a grammar lesson this week due to CoGAT testing.

**Phonics:** Again, we will not have a phonics lesson this week due to testing.

**Writing:** After testing we will work on some short essays.

**Handwriting:** We will continue to work on our Handwriting Without Tears handwriting. Remind your child to write neatly.

**Reading:** With the testing taking a good share of the morning, we will not have a scheduled reading group.

**Math:** This week in math we will take an assessment over two-digit subtraction. We will venture into the world of geometry. We will learn about flat surfaces, vertices, and edges, we will make new shapes, talk about congruence, and symmetry.

**Science/Social Studies** We will learn about many great individuals who contributed many great things to our country and world. Ask your child who their favorite famous person is.

### **Country/Quilt Book Study:**

We are studying more about China. Last month we talked about Chinese New Year, so this month we will learn more about the country.

### **Websites of interest:**

Here is a website that you will be able to access at home

[www.primarygames.com](http://www.primarygames.com)  
It has a variety of educational games.

Another math site is [www.aplusmath.com](http://www.aplusmath.com)

### **100th Day!**

We finally got to celebrate 100th day. We did several centers that had activities dealing with 100.

### Messages:

We will be CoGAT testing on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings. If we have any snow delays we will bump it back a day.

Please have your child well fed and rested. They did wonderful for the last test. This test requires more critical thinking, so it may be more stressful.

I have sent home a note about our Valentine's Day celebration. At this age, I like it to focus on a friendship theme.

Stay warm,  
Mrs. Schalk

## Special Dates to Remember:

Feb. 3— Feb. 24 Read-a-thon activities

**Feb. 7-9 CoGAT testing**

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day party 2:00—3:00

Feb. 20 No School—President's Day

February 16 3rd Quarter

midterms

March 11 Daylight Savings time begins

March 12—16 Right to Read Week

March 20—end of 3rd quarter

