**Important information and dates**

**January 2**Back To School

**January 8**

PTO Science Night 6:30

**January 17**   
Early Dismissal 12:15   
Staff Development Day   
  
**January 20**No School – M.L.K. Day   
  
**January 29**Report Cards Go Home   
  
**January 30**Early Dismissal 12:15 Parent Conferences

**Literacy**

**Phonics:**

We will begin Unit 8 of the Wilson Fundations Program. Unit 8 focuses on words that have 4 sounds and contain consonant beginning or ending blends.

**Writing & Grammar:**

First grade will continue to improve their writing this month. We will revisit narrative writing and challenge ourselves to add more details to our work. We will introduce informative writing and use facts to share our knowledge about a famous person’s life. We will also continue learning about different types of plural nouns.

**Comprehension Skills:**

In January we will continue to focus on story elements that help us identify the genre of a text. We will also focus on the author’s point of view and perspective by determining who is telling the story using clues from the text.

**Math:**

In math we will continue to learn about grouping objects, counting to 120 with different tools, and writing numerals. We will begin Topic 8 and compare numbers using greater than or less than.

**Science:**

In science, first grade will begin a unit on Light. We will be using flashlights and different solids and liquids to determine if they are transparent, translucent, or opaque.

**Social Studies:**

In Social Studies, we will learn all about American Symbols such as the Liberty Bell, White House, American Flag, Statue of Liberty, Bald Eagle, and the Lincoln Memorial! We will also celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day and read his biography.

**Character Education:**

January’s Shooting Star is Fairness! First grade will focus on working cooperatively and being a team player to demonstrate ways to be a fair friend. Our Riverbank friend Freddy the Fairness Fox will be on the look out for good examples of fairness!

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