

Date: January 13, 2020- Week 20

<u>Important Dates</u>	Letterland Words to Practice This Week:		
<p><u>January 17th</u>- Math Test on Measurement and Equality Cultural Arts Program</p> <p><u>January 20th</u>- No School-Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p> <p><u>January 24th</u>- Mindful Music</p> <p><u>January 27th</u>- End of Second Quarter</p> <p><u>January 29th</u>- No School for Students-Teacher Workday</p> <p><u>January 31st</u>-Penny Cash In</p>	Unit: 16		
	<u>Long a with magic e at the end</u>	<u>Short a</u>	<u>Tricky Words</u>
	gave plate late made snake cake safe lake grape name same make tape came	bag wag tag plan trash	where was very
Our Class Website: https://mrswhelansfirstgrade.weebly.com/	<p>* We have a test every three weeks (Tri-Weekly) These words will be on the test scheduled for: January 31st</p> <p>* The test will include words from units 16, 17, and 18</p>		

Ways to Help Your Child at Home:

- * Read non-fiction books and identify the main topic and 3 key details
- * Discuss ways that you can REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE trash at home
- * Have your child tell you all the steps (in detail) for how to brush their teeth



Mrs. Whelan's
Weekly News

Dear Fabulous First Grade Families,

I'm planning for many exciting upcoming events! We will be going to the NC Zoo (our only field trip of the year) on **Wednesday, April 1st**. All information and paperwork will be sent home on February 7th. **The cost of the trip is \$35.00.** You will have the opportunity between February 7th and February 14th to pay online. PLEASE pay online at that time. This is the reason why I am giving you a few weeks' notice, so that you can plan accordingly. When you pay with a check or with cash, it requires me to stop instruction so that I can receipt the money. To save instruction time, I am truly begging that you pay online beginning on February 7th (no payment can be accepted before that date). I will also need a minimum of 6-7 chaperones. We cannot have more than three kids to a group. If you have not signed up this year to be a volunteer, please do so ASAP. This is a very exciting trip and I'd love for you to join us. Due to the expense of this trip, it will be the only one we take this year. Thank you in advance. Also, I am going to post a Valentine's Day list on Seesaw and via email for those of you whose children would like to start writing valentines. I have also sent out a sign up genius for an upcoming Friendship Celebration. The link is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b48a8aa22a31-friendship3>

In **Math**, we will continue to work on equality. I have used a number balance to teach this concept. It is important for children to see that there's information on each side of the equal sign. They must solve each side to determine if it is equal or not equal (Ex: 9+1 = 1+9). We will look at each side of an equal sign and work it out in order to prove our answer. We will also move on to learning how to add three numbers together. If you see 8+2+2....we can make a ten by adding 8+2, first then add 2 more....10+2=12. Our final unit test will be on Friday. In **Reading**, we will focus on non-fiction this week. We will identify the main topic and discuss three key details. I strongly encourage the children to practice at home as well. In **Writing**, we are continuing to write step by step directions to explain how to do/make something. Some topics that the children chose are: How to Make a Pizza, How to Make Your Bed, How to Get Dressed, How to Brush Your Teeth, etc. In **Letterland**, we'll focus on words with Mr. A (long vowel A) and magic e. Magic e is at the end of the word. We don't hear it, but it sparks magic to the vowel in the word and makes it say the name of its letter (a long vowel). In **Social Studies**, we continue to talk about natural resources, and we are moving into ways that people change the environment. We will focus on reducing, reusing and recycling this week. We will create a project full of our ideas that will be displayed in the hallway for all to see!

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