

# What's Fun in Grade ONE?

News from Mrs. Ligon and Mrs. Benz's Class

January 8, 2018

## In the Classroom

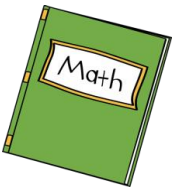
**Literacy**– This week we will be reviewing nonfiction text features. We will be comparing the features of nonfiction and fiction books. In phonics we will review the suffix -s and learn how it can sometimes make the sound /z/ (ex. bugs). We will also begin learning about consonant and digraph blends,



**Writing**– We will finish exchanging friendly letters with our pen pals from Mrs. Parker's class. We will also begin learning about How To or procedural writing. We will be making leaf rubs and then we will write down the steps that we followed.



**Math**– We will be learning how to tell time to the hour and the half hour using analog and digital clocks. We will also learn how to write the time using numbers and words (ex. 5:00 and five o'clock).



**Social Studies**– We will continue learning about holiday celebrations and traditions. This week we will be learning about Halloween, Arbor Day, Groundhog Day, and Valentine's Day.



## Homework

Homework this week includes a reading log, reader's response questions, math activities, and quarter 1 and 2 Trick Words.

## Contact Information

My email address is [jligon@wcpss.net](mailto:jligon@wcpss.net). You can also reach me by calling the office at (919)870-4100. You may also visit our class website at: [www.mrsligonsclassroom.weebly.com](http://www.mrsligonsclassroom.weebly.com)

## Family Celebrations Project

Social studies projects are due Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. For their projects, students should create a poster to share one of their family's celebrations. Your celebration may be a religious holiday (Hanukkah, Christmas, Easter, Ramadan, etc.), a national holiday (Thanksgiving, Independence Day, Mother's/Father's Day, etc.), or the celebration of a special event (birthday, wedding, losing a tooth, baby shower, graduation, etc.). Students should answer the following questions on their posters and include pictures (printed or drawn):

- What is the name of your celebration?
- When is it celebrated?
- Why is it celebrated?
- What are some of the traditions and symbols of this celebration?

Students are to write the responses themselves and should be prepared to share their posters with the class.

## We Need Chaperones!

Our field trips are approaching quickly and we need chaperones! If you are interested in chaperoning one of our field trips, sign up here: <http://bit.ly/2C6RTte>.

## Mystery Readers

We are looking for Mystery Readers! Mystery Readers visit us from 1:00–1:15 on Fridays, and they bring a favorite book from home to read for our class. To sign up, please visit <http://bit.ly/2kPJV3I>. You can also sign up by visiting our class website.

## Important Dates

January 8<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup>: Box Tops Competition  
Monday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>– No School, Holiday  
Monday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>– Snowday Make-Up (A Day)  
Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>–Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Book Fair Coin Drive

## Classroom Wish List

We have everything we need right now!