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# Miss Humphrey's Second Grade Gazette

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Let's hope Punxsutawney Phil was correct and spring will be here early! Here's a look at what we've been doing along with a couple of reminders.

## Language Arts

We are finishing up Unit 4 and moving on to Unit 5. Our phonics skills will focus on words with diphthongs oo, ue, ew, and ui, suffixes -ly, -ful, -er, or, and -ish, and prefixes un-, re-, pre-, and dis-. The comprehension skills we will focus on are plot and theme, fact and opinion, and cause and effect. In grammar we will be focusing on adverbs and pronouns. Encourage your child to read at home at least 15 to 20 minutes a night. If you would like information on how to access any of our online language arts programs, please let me know and I will get you those instructions.

## Math

This month in math we are working with measurement, money, and graphs. We will be solving measurement word problems and comparing lengths. We will also be counting combinations of coins and solving word problems involving money. At the end of the unit we will create, read, and interpret graphs and data.

## Science/Social Studies/Health

In science this month, we are continuing our unit on life cycles. Our chicken eggs will be here on February 24<sup>th</sup> and they are scheduled to hatch around March 16<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the life cycle of a chicken, we will be learning about plant, turtle, butterfly, and frog life cycles.

## Birthdays

You may send in a treat to celebrate your child's birthday. We have 22 students in our class and do not have any children with food allergies. **Please do not send in birthday party invitations to be handed out at school.** This is a school wide policy. If you would like another family's contact information to mail invitations, please contact me.

## Valentine's Day

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be making bags to receive Valentines in class, but you may make a Valentine's box at home and send it in with your child. There are 22 students in the class so if you would like to send in Valentines please make sure to send enough for each child to receive one. Our class list of names is listed on the back of this paper. We will be having a small party in our room that afternoon. Any snacks, juice boxes, or sweet treats are appreciated.



**Class List**

1. Katherine
2. Dylan
3. Destiny
4. Katelyn
5. Haylie
6. Ethan
7. Jackson
8. Allie
9. Justin
10. Jayden
11. Ryan
12. Addison
13. Kiera
14. Gabbie
15. Trent
16. Lael
17. Garrett
18. Drew
19. Briana
20. Jenna
21. Jayda
22. Nathan

**Important Dates in February**

**February 12<sup>th</sup> - No School**

**February 15<sup>th</sup> - No School**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at New Holland Elementary by phone (717-354-1520 ext. 4112) or by e-mail (megan\_humphrey@elanco.org). Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,

Miss Megan Humphrey