

Provide a learning environment

Recognize self-worth

Involve parents

Develop useful knowledge and skills

Encourage professional growth

First Grade Flyer

Riffenburgh Elementary School

January NEWSLETTER

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Date to Remember

No School on Monday, January 18th in honor of

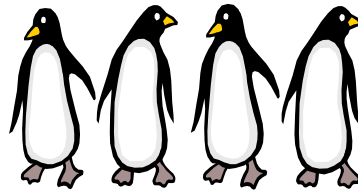


First Graders Will Learn About Martin Luther King!

All first graders will be learning about Martin Luther King's contributions to our country. We will understand through his story that one single person can make a difference. His dedication to peace and equality has been an inspiration to us all. First graders will read about Martin Luther King, Jr. and even write their own, "I Have a Dream" speech.

Balance and Motion

Balance and Motion will be the FOSS unit that we will study next. We will observe and compare how objects balance, spin, and roll. We hope your child will be interested in trying some things at home with you. You might want to tie a string between two chairs and see how many paper cups, popsicle sticks, and other assorted objects you can balance (use clothespins for counter weights). You could make a big mobile by suspending a broomstick and hanging things from it, or make spinning tops and other spinners. The possibilities are endless, and your first grader can be your guide.



January makes us think of snow and cold weather, so we study people and animals who like it that way. You'll be hearing about snowmen, polar bears, and penguins this month.

Report Cards

Your child's report card is enclosed in this week's Friday Folder. We have also included an explanation letter and mid-year reading assessment. Since we do not have scheduled conferences for second quarter, please review the information carefully to see your child's academic growth. In January, we always observe significant academic growth in our first graders! The holiday break gives them time to internalize and apply what they have learned. Social skills improve by mid-year also. They are all becoming quite able and confident. Thanks for all you do at home to make our job easier at school!



Spelling

We will be finishing the short vowel spelling words soon. First graders will then begin the long vowel sound words. The phonetic rule we will learn is: If there are 2 vowels in a word, the first one is long and the second one is silent (snake). In other words, "when two vowels go walking, the first one does the talking." Encourage your

January Spelling Lists

1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29
sun	flag	space	smile
rust	ship	whale	kite
duck	clock	train	time
hunt	test	mail	hive
gum	brush	snake	bike

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