

January/February 2015

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| <p><b>Kindergarten</b><br/>rooms are filled with the bustle of winter fun! Snowballs are flying with teen numbers on them, ten frames and number bond review using link cubes. We're reading and acting out stories like <i>The Mitten</i> by Jan Brett. We're also working on short vowel sounds and breaking down words in short syllables. Mrs. Ulum's room has started the storyline, <i>The Forest</i>. Mrs. Pallister's class is diving into polar animals. In February Q and U will be getting married on Valentine's day in Mrs. Ulum's room. Read classroom newsletters to get the latest information!</p> | <p><b>Dates to Remember:</b><br/><b>Jan 28</b> – Favorite Character Assembly 1:50<br/><b>Jan 30</b> – No School, Teacher Prep Day<br/><b>Feb 2</b> – PTC meeting in library at 3:45<br/><b>Feb 2-6</b> – Jump-A-Thon<br/><b>Feb 9</b> – No School, District Wide Curriculum Day<br/><b>Feb 16</b> – No School, President's Day<br/><b>Feb 28</b> – Dr. Seuss 5K Run at 9:00am</p>   | <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b> is working on place value in math, opinion and word choice in writing, and long vowels in reading.</p> |
| <p>Please visit the Sage PTC website at<br/><a href="http://www.sageptc.com" style="color: white;">www.sageptc.com</a></p>  | <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b> is wrapping up our first term and assessing students for report cards. Walk to read groups will be changing. Second grade students are learning how to add and subtract double digit and triple digit numbers and will be working on this for the next month. We are also experimenting in science with magnets and learning about extreme weather. Second graders are working on writing opinion papers using evidence and supporting details. We will have a Valentine's Party on Friday, Feb. 13.</p> |   |

# JUMP-A-THON

Feb. 2-6

Sage's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Jump-a-thon will be taking place during PE Class. We will be raising money for playground equipment, run/walk club, field day and PE!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** is gearing up for speeches. Students will be encouraged to use technology in their research and presentations. And speaking of technology ...

THANK YOU PTC for providing iPads for classrooms! These are incredible resources for our students. In February, 3rd grade will be celebrating Valentine's day by creating one-of-a-kind Valentine Boxes made entirely from recycled materials found around the house. These are always fun and imaginative and we can't wait to see what the kids come up with!

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade** has been familiarizing themselves with the new class set of Chromebooks the school received before the break. We are using them for assessments and various interventions topics on the MobyMax website. Mr. Faulconer's class is close to finalizing our friendly letters which will be typed on the Chromebooks and sent to fourth graders in other states as well as fourth grade students at Department of Defense schools outside of the United States. Each student will be assigned a state from which to find a school and also a DoD school in Europe or Asia.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade** is staying busy with social studies! Students are actively collaborating, setting goals, and researching explorers. Students are working hard to prepare a research paper as well as a formal speech. For this assignment, students are being provided check points, guidelines, and time to work in class. As we are also preparing students to be successful as we approach middle school, the 5th grade team is firm about due dates and deadlines for this project. Therefore, *no* late work will be accepted. Students are expected to use their time wisely and follow through with their check points and goals. We are confident that all of our students will be successful as their excitement and curiosity continues to grow!

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