



Catoctin
Elementary School

JANUARY NEWS

Happy New Year!! This grading period we have been assessing the children on alphabet letters, letter sounds, writing sentences, tracking print, phonetic spelling, writing first and last names, counting, number recognition, numeral writing, and patterning. These are just a few of the skills we have been working on in class. Report cards will be available in January. Reminder, "M" means meets, "P" means progressing, and "B" means below.



EVENTS

1/13 PALS begins

1/17- End of 2nd Quarter

1/20 No School- MLK Day

1/21 No School- Moveable
Work day



STRATEGIES

We are working on a new chart called the chunk chart. We will send home a copy for at home practice. While reading with your child ask them to see if they can find a word on a page that begins with a chunk and tell you the sound. In addition, they could try to stretch the word out to see if they can read it. For example, this is how we figured out the word "which." It starts with a "wh" chunk then a short vowel "i," and ends with a "ch" chunk. If you stretch out each part, put all the sounds together, you have the word "which."

LEARNING FOCUS

READING

In reading, we will start our new reading unit on Bigger Books, Bigger Reading muscles! We will focus on tackling more challenging books!

MATH

As we approach the hundredth day of school, we will focus on number knowledge. Please practice identifying numbers on a hundreds chart and counting to 100 by 1's and 10's.

WRITING

In writing, we will focus on using our snap words in our writing. We will continue writing two thumbs up sentences: uppercase letter at the beginning and a punctuation mark at the end.

SCIENCE & S.S.

In S.S., we will be reading about Dr. Martin Luther King to help the children appreciate the reason for his holiday on Monday January 20th. We will also be reviewing classroom rules/expectations.