

WEEKLY NEWS

Learn | Create | Explore

Dates at a Glance:

1/31 Awards Assembly
and Mismatch Day

Upcoming Birthdays:

Ruby - Feb. 13

Cruz - Feb. 19

Lily - Feb. 23

Homeplay:

Math game: *Roll-an-Array*—**please turn in**

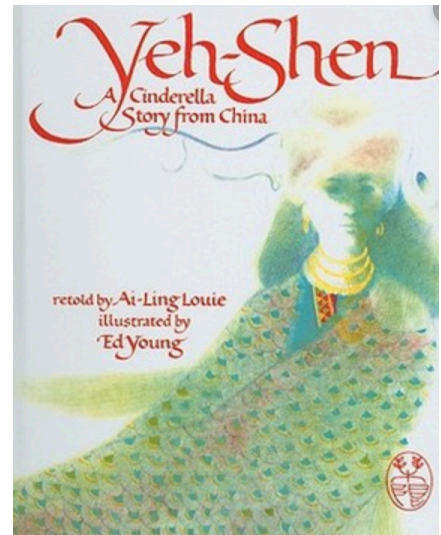
Spelling: /g/ and /c/

Reading Challenge:
due next Wed. by noon

WHN: 2 written entries
due **Monday** (ok to
turn in early—be sure to
have in by Tuesday
even if no entries so
new stickers can be
added)

Critical Literacy

There are hundreds
Cinderella stories from
different cultures
around the world. All of
them have story
elements in common
and some are surprising
in their differences. In
critical literacy, we will
compare three of them:
Yeh-Shen from China, a



Native American story called the *Rough Faced Girl*, and
an Irish version called *Cinderlad*. In comparing these
stories, we'll find the theme and discuss how family and
societal dynamics can contribute to leaving someone
out or treating them cruelly. Sometime what we fear
causes us to act unkindly. We'll talk about 'rising above'
instead and choosing to be kind even when those
around us aren't. A very hard thing to do at times.

Math Fluency

Hopefully your child explained to you that the "Math
Fluency Assessment" page that came home last
Thursday was not an assessment, but a preparation for
assessment. I'll give it again as an assessment and the

Social/Emotional/ Life Skills

Our district psychologist offers a few special talks on a variety of topics through the year (empathy, learning readiness, etc.) We had one lesson in November and will have four more sprinkled through the remainder of the year.

Red Folders

Quick reminder: Please have them at school by Monday each week.
Thank you!

Inspirations:

*"Kindness in words
creates confidence.
Kindness in thinking
creates profoundness.
Kindness in giving
creates love."*

~Lao Tsu

kids will only have 3 minutes to complete it. Please help your child by practicing the types of 'fast fact' math problems on this page to help them be fluent and build automaticity.

School-Wide Kindness Challenge

Through out the week, there will be countless opportunities for kids to show kindness to others—at school, at home, and in the community. A *Kindness Challenge* suggestion list is coming home for your child to check off (optional). Those who want, can bring it back on Friday and if they're able to check ALL of them off, Mrs. Scheftner will hang those on a wall up by the front office. It's going to be a fun and kind week!

As a reminder—Valentine's Day

Class Valentine's Exchange *February 14*. Each child will have an opportunity to pass out Valentines to the class, but bringing one is not required. A few guidelines...

1. If your child brings a Valentine, please have one for every child in the class (23 kids—see attached list)
2. If you choose to send in a sweet Valentine (it's OK and allowed), please keep it on the small and reasonable side (ie: not an entire full-sized candy bar per person).
3. Treats must be able to go into a backpack (so no cupcakes, doughnuts, fruit slices, etc.)

Non-food Valentines, such as pencils, stickers, temporary

tattoos, etc. are encouraged. Please keep in mind that we have a nut and egg allergy in the class.

Have a week full of kindness! ~ Ms. Boyesen

