



Good Day DCS 1st Grade Families,

Well we made it through the first week back to school, two snow days, one early release and super cold and icy weather, but we made it and it looks like the weather is going to be on the upswing this week. We are also encouraged by the increased sunlight minutes each week. We will continue to practice routines this week. Listed below are several reminders and upcoming events:

- Woods/Outside Experiences, February 17 & 24
- Late Start January 18 & February 1 & 15
- 2nd Quarter Ends January 13th
- Space Place, Program-Constellations, Friday, January 27th
- Visit from Author Darcy Bartlett, Friday, January 27th
- Winter Fun Day at Astico Park, January 28 *See Below and Check out FB*
- Student Lead Parent Conferences/No School, February 6 *Same time as fall, reminder postcards will be sent in the mail*
- Valentine's Day Party, February 14th
- K/1 Literacy Night, Thursday, March 2, 5:30-7pm
- Science and Technology Night, Tuesday, March 21, 5:30-7pm
- DCS/CES Music Concert, Thursday, April 6th
- Family Science Night, CES/DCS, Friday, April 21st 5:30-7:30pm *Check out FB*

Don't forget to check out Facebook and our website for announcements and happenings in DCS.

If you happen to have a real Christmas tree up, and will be taking it down in the next few weeks, we'd love to take it off your hands! We have several metal fence posts set in by Ms. Wimmeler, Mrs. Zietlow and Mrs. KS's rooms to tie up some trees, so students can use them for bird/squirrel feeding and other winter activities. They would like anywhere from 8-12 trees, if you'd like to drop them off - as soon as you're done with them and it's convenient for you. They can just be laid by the fence posts. We are also collecting mesh orange and onion bags for this project.

You are invited to join us at Astico County Park on Saturday, January 28th from 1-3 pm. for an afternoon of sledding and winter fun for the whole family! We will have hot cider, hot chocolate and baked goodies to keep you

warm and cozy. Bring sleds, snowshoes and any other winter gear!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/362382027430127/>

When we came back in January, we reviewed these skills and the Daily Five: listening to reading, working with words, writing, and read to self. Winter break is a long time and we will need to practice our routine and skills. We will also review how to read to self, read to someone and how to pick out good fit books. Please continue to read with them each night and send back their books each day after you sign their reading sheets.

In math, we have started chapter 5. This week we have been covering place value and less than, greater than, and equal to. Next week we will be learning about number stories comparing and less than and greater than. Thank you very much for completing the homelinks each week with your student and sending it back to school.

In science, we are working on our Sun, Moon, Stars PLTW Module. We have also started studying different woodland creatures that our students will be writing nonfiction information writing pieces about. We will be continuing to study sunlight and the effect it has on animals and plants.

Lastly, a reminder, when your child is superstar, you are more than welcome to come in and read a book to the class and eat lunch with your superstar. If you would like to have lunch with them, please call in that morning before 9 am for the lunch count. **Lunch is at 12:05.** We will meet you at the office, since our specials are at that end of the building. If you have any questions, just email or send a note inside your student's red folder.

Thank you!

Mrs. LV & Ms. Wimmeler