

# "WHO's" got the news?



## Mrs. Calmes' Newsletter # 18



### Check out what's happening...

As we eased back into the school routine we have been working on perfecting our sentences. We are using a four smiley face rubric to check our work. Students receive a smiley face for beginning a sentence with a capital letter, using finger spaces, an end mark, and writing a sentence that makes sense. They check their work first with the smiley faces and then I check it. This gives students a visual and also begins to get them into the habit of checking their own work! So now you will know what all those smiley faces are for on your child's writing paper!

### Content Updates...

**Reading:** This week we will be focusing on Diversity and will be using the stories We're Different, We're the Same and The Crayon Box That Talked, to use a Venn Diagram to identify how we are like our classmates and how we are different from our classmates.

**Math:** This week in math we will be identifying and practicing strategies we can use to solve subtraction problems.

**Phonics/Sight words:** This week we will be reviewing the vowels o, a, and i. Students will practice reading and writing three letter words that contain these letters.

**Social Studies:** We will conclude our unit on maps and globes by creating a paper mache' globe!

### Dates to give a HOOT about...

January 19th- No school, MLK Day  
January 20th- No school, Teacher in-service  
February 6th 100's Day (tentative)  
February 13th Valentine's Day Party  
February 16th No school, Presidents' Day

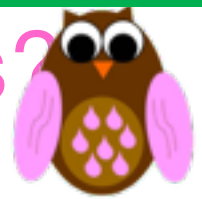


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- Reminders...
- We will celebrate our 100th day of school on February 6th (this date could change, depending on the weather.) Students will have a special project they will be asked to complete at home and bring in for the 100th day of school. This information will go home in your child's homework folder next week!
- If your child needs a new word ring, homework folder or communication folder, please let me know! I am trying to replace them as needed.
- I will be attending a Kindergarten Conference with my fellow co-workers on January 26th and 27th. I will be checking my e-mail, so if you need to contact me during this time, please send an e-mail.
- If you have any questions regarding your child's grades on Schoology or the checklist that was sent home last week, please let me know.

Who, Who, Can...  
These are the "I can" statements we will be working on this week!

- I can read the sight words.
- I can read and write three letter words.
- I can use a variety of strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems to 5.
- I can use a Venn Diagram to compare and contrast stories.
- I can write a four smiley face sentence.



## Math Tip

This week one of the strategies we will be using to solve subtraction problems is the number line. You can turn a sandwich bag into a number line. Use a bag that has a slider, write the numbers at the top and give your students problems to solve and they can practice solving them with their homemade number line!

## Activity Schedule

Monday: Music  
Tuesday: PE  
Wednesday: Library  
Thursday: Art  
Friday: Library