

# January 2017



**Nurse Maggie:** Head lice are not a health hazard. They do NOT cause disease. Lice are small wingless insects about the size of a sesame seed. They feed on blood by biting the scalp. They are clear, gray, or reddish-brown in color.



**First Grade:** I hope you enjoyed the break with your families. First grade is ready for the new year and new season. We will be exploring the winter season, penguins, owls, and polar animals. Martin Luther King Jr. will be an important person in history about whom we will be reading & writing. Our math focus for January will be place value. We will be teaching the students to count, group, and make tens and ones. We will also focus on the numbers from 100-200. Happy New Year!!!

**Kindergarten:** Kindergartens have flown through a half-year already. They should have mastered all of their letters & sounds. By now they should also know all of their first & second quarter Word wall words. It's now time to begin learning their 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter words. Our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school is coming up soon. Please watch for a letter to come home from your teacher with 100<sup>th</sup> day information. Please continue to practice tying shoes and zipping and buttoning coats. Remember, this time of the year, the weather changes quickly, so make sure to send a coat!

**Reports Cards:** The end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter was on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Your child should bring home a report card today, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please look over the report card and the comments made by teachers. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call the school to speak with your child's teacher. It is our hope that the information that is provided on the report card will help give you an understanding of your child's progress in his/her grade.

**Asking Questions:** One of the best ways to be in tuned with your child's daily life to ask questions. If you're like I am, you remember the question, "What did you learn today?" Well, the answer to that is usually, "Nothing" or "I don't know". Consider coming about it a different way. Say, "Tell me about a story you read today" or "Tell me about something your teacher taught you or told you today." So much goes on during the day and students to be reminded of the work they have done.