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Dear Parents,

It has been an exciting week with two snowstorms this week allowing children to play again on our full playground. It has been warm enough for them to be outside and enjoy the fresh snow as well. I guess that groundhog was really telling the truth last week. We have already had more snow in the month of February than we had in all of January.

We have been continuing to learn about staying in a group with our social thinking. We have finished our book this week so we will do activities about this next week.

We have been reviewing writing letters in Foundations. The children are really doing well. I introduced their journals this week which has been challenging for some of the students to take writing letters to paper which has smaller lines than our whiteboards. This will be good practice for first grade.

Our centers this week have been around preparing for the 100th day which is now bumped back a day. We will share collections on Monday. The students have counted by tens, made structures out of 100 cups with a group (this was challenging for some groups), made necklaces with a pattern, made crowns and made portraits of what they will look like when they are 100 years old.

In number corner, we have been learning our new routine. The students are looking at more combinations to 5. We are also looking at comparing numbers. They are learning and using language like: greater than, less than, equal, same as. We cover a lot through our number corner. This is allowing us to move a little slower with our math program and practice skills through our math centers.

I sent home a class list last weekend for Valentines. If you need a new copy just let me know and I can send another one on Monday. I sent home a brief note this past week asking for treats for our celebration. If you did not receive this and would like to contribute please contact me. Thanks!

I am sending home a new set of book orders which will be due next Friday so they can travel over the vacation. Our class code is GXJYC. if you want to order online.

Next Friday, we have a tradition of pretending that our gym is a beach and we take beach towels, hats, sunglasses, etc along with books to "Read on the Beach". It is a fun activity that everyone enjoys. We end the activity with a special treat. If your child does not have a towel at school for quiet time please send one in for them to have for this activity. They are allowed to bring a fun hat and sunglasses as well. Please contact me with any questions.

Upcoming Events:

2/14 Valentine Celebration

2/16 Read on the Beach

2/19-2/23: Winter Break

Have a great weekend!