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Dear Families:

Next week on February 14 we will have a class Valentine's Day party. If your child would like to bring in cards for classmates, he or she is welcome to do so. Please bring one for everyone. Student names are listed below.

Gabriel	John Michael	Gideon
Carly	Nathan	Gracie
Hannah	Briaunnah	Jacoby
Noah	Arlon	Lilly
Shaylee	James	Zophia
Peter		

In other exciting first-grade news, this Thursday will be our 100<sup>th</sup> day in school! This is always a special marker in the year for young students. We will do a few fun 100-themed activities that day, especially in math.

Last month our classroom was the WRS classroom that collected the most Box Tops, which raise money for our school! As a result, we will get to enjoy a popsicle treat this Friday afternoon, courtesy of the PTA.

All students are part of a guided reading group several times per week during our classroom reading times. There are several adults who run groups during this time: Mrs. B, Mrs. Derosier, Mr. Burriss, and me. Throughout the year we reorganize groups occasionally to keep everyone challenged and best utilize the other teachers that can help during this time. This week we are starting out with some new group arrangements since I just completed mid-year reading testing. Reading groups are a chance to read the same book as others in a small-group setting to practice reading strategies, as well as fluency, and comprehension through conversations and activities about the books we read.

--Amanda Ehret