



# Bear News

**Mrs. Burkett's and Mrs. Wobser's Weekly Newsletter**

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## **Here's what we are learning:**

We learned more about the long a sound. We hear that sound in words like "bait" and "gray."

We reviewed story elements. The characters are who or what the story is about. The plot is what happens in the story.

We reviewed how to read and gather information from a chart.

We worked on context clues. That is using the information in sentences and in pictures to determine the meaning of an unknown word.

We reviewed cause and effect. The effect is what happened and the cause is why it happened.

We learned how to make inferences. That is when we use clues in the story and/or the pictures to figure out things the author wants us to know.

We reviewed how to compare and contrast information. When we compare we look for ways things are the same. When we contrast, we look for ways things are different. We have practiced filling out a Venn Diagram when we are comparing and contrasting.

We learned that we put "er" on a word when we are comparing two things. We put "est" on a word when we are comparing three or more things. (I am shorter than Frank. I am the shortest person in my class).

We reviewed contractions. They are a shorter form of two words. (can't = cannot, we'll = we will)

We are using a hundreds chart to count forwards and backwards.

We practiced counting to 100 by 1s & 2s and to 200 by 5s & 10s.

We practiced counting backwards from 20-0.

We are telling time to the hour and half hour. We are learning about quarter after and quarter to the hour.

We are learning about pennies, nickels and dimes. We need to be able to identify the coin, state its value and count a group of coins

consisting of pennies, nickels, dimes, and a combination of dimes, nickels, and pennies.

We practiced exchanging pennies for a nickel, nickels for a dime and pennies and a nickel for a dime.

We reviewed patterns.

We continue to review odd and even numbers. We know cheers to help us remember. *"0, 2, 4, 6 and 8. Being even is just great! 1, 3,5,7,9. Being odd is just fine."*

We learned how to use a number line to help us with addition and subtraction.

We have been practicing reading a thermometer.

We are practicing how to measure with non-standard and standard units.

We learned about base ten blocks and place value with tens and ones.

We learned about the greater than (>) and the less than (<) sign.

We are learning about caring for the earth in science.

In social studies we are learning about the presidents and national holidays.

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### **Special Events this week were:**

1. We had snow days on Tuesday and Wednesday.
2. We celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School on Thursday.
3. We celebrated Kailey's birthday on Friday. Her birthday was on Wednesday. She is in Mrs. Burkett's class.
4. We had our Valentine's Day celebration on Friday. The Leadership Class from the High School came and did many different activities with us. It was a lot of fun.

### **Special Events coming next week are:**

1. We do not have school on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> because it is President's Day.
2. Interims go home on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.