



# Bear News

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

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## Here's what we are learning:

We reviewed the long vowel sounds of /a/ and /e/. We also reviewed blends and the digraphs /wh/ and /nk/.

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

We learned how to read and gather information from a diagram.

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 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 reviewed that we put an apostrophe (') at the end of a name or thing to show that the person or thing owns something.

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. We are learning about half past the hour. We learned that on a digital clock, half past is written ":30."

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 are learning about the earth in science.

In social studies we are learning about past and present.

Reported by: The Students

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

1. What a crazy week! We had a snow day on Monday and delays on Wednesday and Friday. We sure hope that next week we will have a normal week!
2. We celebrated Dalton's birthday on Friday. He is in Mrs. Wobser's homeroom.

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

1. On Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, the photographer will be here to take candid photos for our yearbook. Smile!
2. We will celebrate Lauryn's pretend birthday on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Her real birthday is July 15<sup>th</sup>. She is in Mrs. Burkett's homeroom.

### **Special Notes:**

1. We thank everyone who donated items to our Christmas celebrations. We truly appreciate your assistance with this special activity.
2. **If students wear boots to school, please make sure that they bring shoes to change into.**
3. **It would be greatly appreciated if you would put your child's name in their coat – in a place where they can see it. This way we can make sure everyone has their own coat. We have had several mix ups this week.**