## MS. BROZIC

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE**

February 5, 2016

- Fri. February 5 and Fri. February 19- Zumba! (Please wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothes).
- Friday, February 12-Valentines' Day party (Please bring your cards into school before Friday if possible.)
- Monday, February 15- No School, President's Day
- Thursday, February 18-1<sup>st</sup> Grade 100<sup>th</sup> Day celebration! (Please bring in collections of 100 things)
- Tuesday, February 23-Winter Conferences

#### **Birthdays**

Sabrina February 17

### **Classroom News**



Dear first grade families,

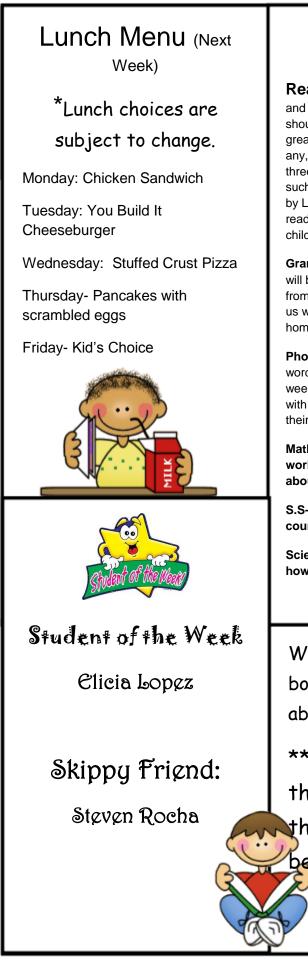
So much is happening here in first grade! Big news in first grade this week: the groundhog did not see his shadow (supposedly that means we are going to have an early spring)! We had lots of fun learning about Groundhog's Day this week! We have had the opportunity to be involved in so many different activities. Over the past two weeks we have learned about Karate from ATA Karate in Mentor. We have also had the wonderful chance to work with Kids Loves Musicals doing the musical of Cinderella. On two Fridays this month (Feb. 5 and 19) the students will be given Zumba lessons! This should be fun for all!

Next week we will be getting a new student! We would like to welcome Logan to our class from Hale Rd. School! I hope he loves our class! I know the students will make him feel right at home! On Friday, Feb. 12 we will be having our Valentine's Day party. Thanks so much to all of the parents who have helped with this party! Then we will have a long weekend because there is no school on Monday, Feb. 15 due to President's Day. Next week we will be learning a lot about presidents during Social Studies. We will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Thurs. Feb. 18. I would love to have some parent volunteers if anyone is available to come in. On Tuesday, Feb. 23 we will be having winter conferences at school. I have contacted the parents that I would like to meet with. However, if you would still like a conference please let me know at we will arrange it! Thanks for all you do!

Phonics Focus this week is on multi-syllable words. Students may think these words are harder just because they are longer. We are working on braking them down into each syllable then putting them together. The students have been doing a wonderful job with this! This will also help them to remember to chunk words into syllables when they come to an unknown word when reading.







# What We're Learning

**Reading:** I am completing the assessment of sight words lists 5 and 6. We will be focusing with words on lists 7 and 8. Students should practice reading these words: good, sentence, man, think, say, great, where, help, through, much, before, line, right, too, mean, old, any, same, tell, boy, follow, came, want, show, also, around, form, three, small, set, put, end, does, another, well, large, must, big, even, such. \*\*We have started a new reading focus with reading workshop by Lucy Calkins. You will hear more about this for writing soon! In reading we will be starting on a non-fiction unit. Please encourage your child to be reading non-fiction books at home.

**Grammar**: We are still working on verbs and talking about adjectives. I will be asking you to do another activity with sending in some things from home in a lunch bag (similar to our Thankful bags). This will help us with interactive writing, verbs, and adjectives! I will be sending home more information about this next week!

**Phonics/Word Study**: Next week we will continue with multi-syllable words. The students are doing great with this concept. However, next week's words will be a little more difficult (adding more phonics features with the 2 syllables. Please make sure that your child is working on their words at home.

Math- We just started a unit on place-value. Right now we are working on numbers to 40. Please make sure your child knows about the tens place and ones place.

S.S- We will be learning about different President's in our country's history.

Science- We will be doing experiments as we focus on motion and how things move!

Word Study words : some, chipmunk, bobcat, invent, suntan, her, frantic, do, absent, cobweb, dentist, sunshine, picnic

\*\*We will have a dictation test on these Friday, February 12 (before the excitement of Valentine's Day begins)!