



**MS. BROZIC**

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

January 11, 2016

**Important Dates:**

- January 11- Kids Love Musicals will be here to teach us about Cinderella!
- January 18- No School- MLK Jr. Day
- January 29- No School/Teacher In-Service Day

**Classroom News**



Dear first grade families,

Happy New Year!!! I hope you had an amazing break with your families!!! I loved having so much time with my children at home and visiting family!! The students seemed refreshed and ready to learn!!! I am already seeing great progress with sight words and reading!! We have many things going on in school!!

We are preparing for our Musical Residents who are coming in from Kids Love Musicals to teach us about acting, theater, and musicals next week. We will be studying the musical Cinderella (which is actually much different from the Disney animated movie). This is one of my favorite parts of the year! The students really love a different change of pace for a few days!

I would like to thank all of the parents who helped in some way for the winter party!!! I know that the parents really went above and beyond to make sure that the children had a wonderful time!!! I thank Mrs. Pike (my sub that day) for helping the parents as well!!!

I am sending home the latest MAP scores for your child along with a letter explaining a little about MAP. Most of the children showed wonderful progress. If you have any questions about this please let me know!!!

Please check your child's 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter grades on Infinite Campus. We just began our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

**Birthdays**

- Landon- January 6
- Catherine- January 6



**Literacy Tip:** Please practice blends, long vowel words (super, silent, magic -e), and sentence writing.

**Math Tip:** Please practice measuring, graphing, +/- facts, and telling time to the hour (and writing it correctly).

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# Lunch Menu

(Week of Jan. 11)

\*Lunch choices are subject to change.

Monday: Chicken Sandwich

Tuesday: You Build It  
Cheeseburger

Wednesday: Stuffed Crust Pizza

Thursday- Whole Grain Pancakes

Friday- Kid's Choice



## Student of the Week

Steven Rocha

## Skippy Friend:

Gavin McKnight



# What We're Learning

**Reading:** We are now working on sight words for lists 5 and 6. Students will be tested on these words early in January. They should just be able to read these words by sight: some, her, would, make, like, him, into, time, has, look, two, more, write, go, see, number, no, way, could, people. \*\*In our reading groups we are working on accuracy/comprehension strategies. We are also working on Reader's Theater to practice our fluency. I am currently doing my LLI (finding the students' reading levels) which is quite a process. We will be doing some reading lessons from a new curriculum. It is very similar to what we have already been doing, but I am very excited about it!

**Grammar:** We have just started talking about verbs. We will be doing much more with this when we return from break. When they are reading and they read an action verb, just point it out to them!! This will help greatly!

**Phonics/Word Study:** We are now focusing on blends. Blends seem to be MUCH easier for students because they don't have to learn any new letter sounds (they just blend letter sounds they already know together. However some of our Word Study words will have silent -e at the end making it a long vowel word. Please make sure your child works with these words before the test on Friday.

**Math-** We just began our new math Unit on measurement and it is such a breath of fresh air after all of the really challenging concepts we have been learning this year! **To add to our focus on measurement please have your child work on telling time and identifying money!!**

**Science-** Our focus in science is on motion. We are learning concepts such as work and force. We are learning about the different ways things move: slide, roll, zig-zag. We will be doing some fun science experiments in class!!



Word Study words : skate, kept, dress, who, skip, bride, there, ask, been, plug, slide, end, slush\*\*We will have a traditional test on these words on Friday, January 15.

\*\*Other important things: As long as the temperature outside is higher than 20 degrees, the students will be going out for recess. Please make sure they have warm winter jackets, hats, gloves, and boots. It has also been very dry in our rooms. Your child is welcome to bring in chap-stick and water to school if they need it (I have really needed it this week)! Happy winter!!!