



# Weekly Roundup!

Miss Hrbek

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- ◆ **Report cards went home today! Please sign and return the envelopes on Monday!**
- ◆ Thank you to all the parent volunteers who make the Thursday Fun at Lunch program possible!
- ◆ Please send in February book orders! For every book that is ordered, our class earns points toward free books!
- ◆ We will be exchanging Valentine Cards with our classmates on Feb. 14.
- ◆ Students participated in the Valentine For Vets activity. They made Valentine cards for veterans to brighten up their days! This activity tied into our full value principle of "Care for self and others!"



**Full Value:** In January, we practiced the value of "Let go and move on." Students worked hard toward this goal, solving conflicts, apologizing or accepting apologies, and moving forward. They are a great group!

**Writing:** Students finished their personal essays last week! They learned about the structure of an essay, how to write and support a thesis statement and how to include personal experiences in their essays. This week we launched our unit on Realistic Fiction writing! They are so excited to use their creativity! We discussed the elements of the genre, what makes a story realistic? We also generated possible story ideas. Next week, we will be creating believable characters for our stories. Exciting times!

**Reading:** We are continuing our book club work but we are now centering our work around the reading strategy, making predictions. Students are great at making predictions, however, we talked about how you need to support your predictions with evidence from the text, real life, author knowledge or genre knowledge. Predictions must be based on something factual. We will also be talking about how to make "2-step" predictions, thinking ahead of the obvious! How can you use life experience to predict what will happen next??

**Spelling:** Students will complete the mid-year inventory this week. Their progress will be charted and some students may be moving to other groups at this time.

AS always, please feel free to contact me at any time! Email is the quickest way to get a response! Thank you for letting me teach your child!