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Kindergarten News from Mrs. Ansted, Miss Kronmann and Mrs. Sparks

Greetings, Parents,

Thanks to everyone who helped with our classroom Valentine Day parties. The students enjoyed themselves immensely.

ART TO REMEMBER packets need to be returned to school today. Return the entire packet or payment for the items that you wish to purchase. Please note that the magnet is not free.

Next Monday and Tuesday will be our last official "Whale Shirt Days" in Kindergarten.

Our money unit has been a big hit with the students. They are showing great interest in discussing the presidents and learning about the buildings that are pictured on the coins. Please expand this unit at home by showing them different ways to make and count money. As an example, 9 cents can be made using nine pennies or one nickel plus four pennies.

Many students can identify and write the beginning and ending sounds of short 3-letter words. Our sound tests give us a good idea of your child's ability to "sound out" these words. We have noticed that the short vowel sound in the middle of the words give many students trouble. Please take some time to work with your child and focus on short vowel words, such as cap, net, dip, pot and cup. Use all 5 vowels. Every child will benefit from the extra practice at home.

Please check your child's book bag daily to see what is happening in our classrooms and use our report card as a reference. We cover a lot of curriculum during this quarter and parents must be aware of all of the skills that are expected to be mastered by the students. With just four weeks left in third quarter we will begin checking these skills during the first week in March. Some of these skills include:

- Reading all 26 sight words that have been introduced this year.
- Retelling a story to include beginning, middle and end details
- Answering questions to demonstrate comprehension of an orally read text.
- Identifying and stating the value of a penny, nickel, dime and quarter.
- Writing numerals 11-20 in random order.

Most children can count to 100 by 1's and 10's. We are expanding our counting skills to include counting by 5's. This knowledge will be very useful when your child is learning how to tell time and count money in the future.

Our Kindergarten Patriotic Program is scheduled for Thursday, May 20, at 7 p.m. in our school community room. Mark your calendar and invite grandparents, friends and neighbors. You will not want to miss this yearly program!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ansted, Miss Kronmann and Mrs. Sparks