February 1, 2019

Good Afternoon Parents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful January. Our January ended with a lot of great activities. This Wednesday, students celebrated their 100th day of school. We read about how life was different long ago and compared schools of the past to James Madison. We learned about the long o sound and the long u sound. In math, students are practicing their place value and they did a great job playing a place value game. We continued to learn about American symbols in social studies as we read about the American flag and the White House. We celebrated the Kindness Challenge by discussing different ways we could be kind and sharing kind words with one another. We kicked off February today by learning about Groundhog's Day. I told the students that because tomorrow is Groundhog's Day, they may be able to find out if the groundhog saw his shadow by checking the weekend news.

Next week, students will be reading about how people get their food. We will be learning about the oo in words such as "book" and "look". Students will continue to learn about contractions, too. In social studies, we will be discussing the Lunar New Year on Tuesday. We will also begin celebrating Black History Month by learning about the first African American woman astronaut, Mae Jamison. In math, students will be completing module 2 and taking their math assessment on Friday. I will be sending home their module 2 workbooks on Friday, as well. There are several extra pages in the workbooks that great for extra practice. These workbooks do not have to come back to school.

<u>Schedule Update</u>: We will be returning to our normal schedule next week, including Mustang Academy.

<u>Important Dates</u>
Monday, February 4th- Normal Schedule Returns
Friday, February 8th - James Madison Lunar New Year Celebration- 6pm *I hope to see you there!*
Thursday, February 14th- Valentine's Day (Information about activities will be coming home on Monday.)

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sarkany