

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Dear Families,

It looks like it is finally warming up a bit out there. This is our first regular week of school in 2017! In class, we are finishing up our remaining few graphemes. Next week we will begin our spelling program (more information to follow soon).

We have a number of volunteer opportunities coming up that we are excited to share. First, we are beginning our home reading program. These parents will ideally come in regularly (once a week). They will then read with the children and change their books for them. This takes about 30 minutes and can be done around drop off or pick up time. Second, we are looking for more winter sports day volunteers on January 27. You will spend either the morning or afternoon with your child and a small group of children, helping them attend a number of fun outdoor centres. Finally, on February 22, the students will be going on an all-day field trip to Telus Spark. We are looking for volunteers to lead groups of students around the science centre for the day. Please notify your teacher if you are able to help out with any of these opportunities. Your time is greatly appreciated.

For homework this week, the students will practice the graphemes 'v', 'w' and 'x'. These graphemes all only make one sound. For the grapheme 'v', the sound is the first sound in the word van. For the grapheme 'w', the sound is the first sound in the word water. Finally, for the grapheme 'x', the sound is the first sound in the word x-ray. The graphemes for review this week are: v, w, x, i and e.

**Reminders:**

- January 20 – School assembly 2:15 pm
- January 27 – Winter Sports Day
- January 31 – Report Cards go home
- February 3 – PD day, no school
- February 16 & 17 – Teacher's Convention, no school
- February 20 – Family Day, no school
- February 22 – Trip to Telus Spark

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- In the blue notebook complete <b><u>half</u></b> a page, printing the grapheme 'v'.	- In the blue notebook complete <b><u>half</u></b> a page, printing the grapheme 'w'.	- In the blue notebook complete <b><u>half</u></b> a page, printing the grapheme 'x'.	- In the blue notebook complete <b><u>two lines</u></b> of each of the letters 'a', 'e', 'i', 'o' and 'u', <b><u>carefully paying attention to the sounds that these vowels make.</u></b>	<b><u>Grapheme Review</u></b> - Return homework in homework folder.

Have a warmer week of school,

Mr. Rip and Ms. Enerson