

THE SPOTTED SCOOP

February 2025

BELUGA BALL

Beluga Ball is trying to sneak up on us! Beluga Ball is an annual virtual gala to raise funds that directly benefit our school. At the Beluga Ball we will auction off a class basket themed around "Spring Break Fun" and a banner created by the Spotted students. Our amazing Beluga Ball representative, Jaimie Thrasher, put together the basket and is working on building a community little library for our class to auction off at the live auction.

HUNDREDTH DAY OF SCHOOL

Our estimated one hundredth day of school is on Friday, February 20th! This entire day will be devoted to 100 themed math, literacy, writing, and movement activities.

The 100th day is a super fun spirit wear day in which students are encouraged to represent the number 100 with either a t-shirt or cape with 100 things on it or to dress as though they are 100 years old. I, personally, will be 100 years old on that day. I've included some ideas for the 100th day of school below. The internet also has a wealth of ideas. ☺



VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Our Valentine's Day party is around the corner on Friday, February 6th. If you are able and willing to help us out with donations or volunteering please let me know by using our sign up genius link that is included in this email.

Students are making their Valentine collection bags at the class party however each student will need 21 valentines assembled and with their own name signed on it to pass out on love day. Please do not have your child write their friends names on the valentines as they only have a few moments to get the valentines passed out and it's much easier to just drop them in the bags in a straight line.

JANUARY IN SPOTTED

- Reviewed classroom procedures and routines after our long winter break
 - Reviewing identifying and writing numbers 0-10
 - Reviewing counting to 30 with one to one correspondence
 - Practiced counting to 80 by ones and tens
 - Practiced sorting items by various attributes
 - Sorted 3D shapes by how they move on a surface (roll or slide)
 - Reviewing how to write capital and lowercase letters
 - Reviewed letter names and sounds
- Practiced blending sounds together into words by reading CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words
- Practiced writing CVC words by breaking them apart into their beginning, middle, and ending sounds and writing a letter for each sound we hear
 - Practiced spelling phonetically by labeling pictures.
 - Read and acted out *The Mitten* by Jan Brett
- Practiced identifying pairs of rhyming words and thinking of a word to rhyme with a given word.
- Went on a nature walk to explore winter with our five senses.

COMING UP!!!

Movie Night forms are due - Monday, January 26th

CSA Movie Night - Friday, January 30th

Miss. Smith's Half Birthday - Tuesday, February 3rd

Decorating for Valentines Party - After school on Thursday, February 5th

Valentine's Day Party - Friday, February 6th

Parent Council Meeting - Monday, February 9th @CSPA 6:00PM

LOVE Day - Thursday, February 12th

No School for Staff PD - Friday, February 13th

No School for midwinter break - Monday, February 16th

100th day of school - Friday, February 20th

Parent Council Meeting - Monday, March 9th

Rollerama Party - Friday, March 13th

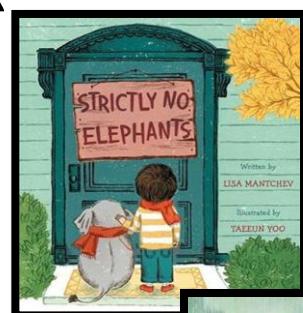
Beluga Ball Preview Night - Friday, March 20th

Beluga Ball Live Auction - Saturday, March 21th

CHARACTER CORNER

In January we learned all about Dr. Martin Luther King and his message of equality for all. We learned about how he used the power of dialogue and the written word to talk through conflicts and find common ground with others. We made text to world connections when we read the book *The Big Umbrella* which

features a magical red umbrella which grows bigger to accommodate anyone who needs shelter from the rain. Spotted students were able to make the connection between the large red umbrella and our own hearts which can stretch and grow to accommodate new friends each and every day. Another great book that we read this week about adopting an inclusive attitude was *Strictly No Elephants* by Lisa Mantchev. In *Strictly No Elephants* a boy and his tender-hearted pet elephant are not permitted to join the local pet club so they create a pet club which welcomes pets of all kinds. We encouraged one another to be open-hearted and welcoming of new friends.



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