

**TECCS FIRST GRADE
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Special Note

We are half way through the first grade!

February is a short month, but full of fun events. On February 8, the school will be celebrating the 100th day of school! Each class at TECCS will have exciting activities to celebrate on this special day! We will also celebrate Valentine's Day on February 12th along with George Washington and Abraham Lincoln's Birthday!

February Previews

In language arts, we will begin a unit called "What's the Weather?". The students will read stories that discuss different kinds of weather all around the world. We will be reading and spelling many words with the long "a", "e" and "i" sounds and the soft "c" sound(city, center, fancy). In grammar, we will learn proper nouns and plural nouns. In writing the students will make lists, write letters, and publish a story about themselves for their Writer's Workshop portfolios.

Ms. D'Amico and Ms. Haitz's math classes will continue practicing addition facts. Please practice addition and subtraction facts at home using fact tables or flash cards! Mrs. Gohar's math class will be focusing on word problems, bar graphs, and double digit addition and subtraction. They will also continue to focus on math facts and number stories.

Our Feature Presentation

The first grades have wrapped up their unit on Jersey City and will begin their journey around the world! We will be focusing on all of the countries that the students and their families come from. We will begin with China and work our way around the globe. As we visit each country, the students will learn about the countries' geography, climate, the types of clothing people wear, different foods, homes, and schools. The students will also learn the different festivities in each country. Each student has created their own passports and they will keep track of each country we tour. We will wrap up our tour with a festival at the end of the school year. Fasten your seatbelts and enjoy the ride!

Just a reminder:

- ❖ We will be hosting our first Book Fair on February 9 from 9:00-12:00, February 10 from 4:00- 8:00, and February 11 from 1:00- 4:00 in the art room.
 - ❖ Report cards will be sent home on February 5.
 - ❖ School will be closed from February 15-19.
- ❖ Please do not send any treats or goody bags for the 100th day of school or for Valentine's Day. Cards will be fine.