## Neptune News

December $5^{\text {th }}, 2016$

## Dear Parents,

## Reading

We have begun Reading Street Unit 2 Week 2. Our spelling and reading tests will be Thursday. The Unit 2 focus is what is a community. The question of the week is how is a school a community? Our story this week is "The Farmer In The Hat." We will learn to read, segment and blend words with long a: a_e and soft c/s/ and g/j/. (ape, bake, cave place, cage, cell, cent, gem, ginger). We will learn to identify cause and effect in a story. We will work on rereading sentences with appropriate phrasing. We will learn to identify and write proper nouns in sentences.

## Math

We will continue Chapter 5: Addition and Subtraction Relationships. We will use the relationship of addition and subtraction to help learn and understand facts within 20. We will tell why making a model can us help solve a problem. We will tell how related facts can help us find missing numbers. We will tell if addition and subtraction facts are related. We will use addition to check subtraction. We will use a related fact to find an unknown number. We will choose when to add and when to subtract to solve a problem. We will add and subtract in different ways to make the same number. We will decide if a number sentence is true or false. We will tell how addition and subtraction strategies help us find sums and differences. The Chapter 5 test should be Tuesday, December $13^{\text {th }}$.

## Christmas/Winter Holiday Party

Thanks to all that have signed up to help with our party. There are a couple slots left. Our party will be Thursday, December $15^{\text {th }}$, at 1:45. As part of the party we will do a stocking gift exchange. I'm asking each Neptune bring a stocking clearly labeled with their name. Decorate it or not as you see fit. I would like stockings to come in by Friday, December $9^{\text {th }}$. You can send stockings as you are ready. Then on Monday, December $12^{\text {th }}$ trinket gifts can come in to be passed out to all stockings. Tiny toys, holiday candies, pencils, erasers, etc. are the sort of gifts we are looking for. Then during our party the Neptunes will get to open their stockings. There are 23 students in class. Please send enough trinket type gifts for 23 students.

## Smitten with Winter

A special art activity is coming home with the newsletter. This is for fun. Enjoy!

## Sincerely,

Sean B. Ferguson

## Star Neptune

The Star Neptune this week is Jeremy. The new Star Neptune will be O'Malley. She will present this Friday.

## ARC Class Schedule

| Monday | Disc. FFL (gym shoes) |
| :--- | :--- |
| Tuesday | Music |
| Wednesday | Spanish |
| Thursday | Expl. FFL (gym shoes) |
| Friday | Visual Arts |
| Next Monday | Disc. FFL (gym shoes) |

This is a rotating schedule. When we have a short week due to a scheduled day off we will continue in order of the class regardless of the day. I will update the posted schedule accordingly.

## Coming Events

Dec. $8^{\text {th }}$

Dec. $12^{\text {th }}-16^{\text {th }}$
Dec. $13^{\text {th }}$
Dec. $15^{\text {th }}$

Dec. $19^{\text {th }}$
Jan. $3^{\text {rd }}$

## Sign ups

I've added a new page to the class web page. It is a page with links to currently available sign ups. The Spring conference schedule will show up there after the new year. Our current party sign ups are there now. Look for the sign ups in the left panel menu. There are still openings to help with the Christmas/Winter Holiday Party
http://neptunewcs.weebly.com/sign-ups.html

## Homework Week of December $5^{\text {th }}$

## Monday

Review the contents of your take home envelope with your parents. Return the empty Homework envelope on Tuesday.
Read your Unit 2 Week 2 High Frequency, list words, and Ten Important Sentences to someone.
Share our Sing With Me song with someone.

## Tuesday

Complete the Math Challenge worksheet attached.

## Wednesday

Share a book with someone. Library books are due tomorrow.

## Thursday

Edit the sentences below. Rewrite the sentences on the lines below.

## 1. He did not get a fsh

## 2. ruby helps Max

## 3. No fich bit

## 4. max had fish for lunch

## 5. Grandma tried to katch the fis.

## $\square$ Capitals; $\square$ Lowercase; $\square$ Spelling; $\square$ Punctuation; $\square$ Completeness; $\square$ Handwriting; $\square$ Spacing <br> Your homework is due Friday. <br> Additional resources are coming home with the homework. These are suggestions for extra study but are not required homework. Use them as you see fit.

Child's Name:

## Parent Signature:

## Math Challenge

What goes zzub, zzub, zzub? A bee flying backwards!

Complete the operations. Watch the signs!
1.


- 4

2. 

8
$+4$
3.
5

- 1

4. 


5.
1
6.
6. 6

- 0
- 1

7. 


8.

9.
13
10.

- 1

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11. 
12. 

13
8

- 8
$+9$


What number should be added to the first number to make the second number?
13.

14.
$5^{15}$

16.

17.

3

Solve.
19. 8 oranges are in the basket. 8 are red and the rest are green. How many oranges are green?
20. John has 3 marbles. Paul has 3 marbles. How many more marbles does Paul have than John?

## Unit 2 Week 2 Word Lists

## The Farmer in the Hat



## Amazing Words

| aquarium | rehearsal |
| :--- | :--- |
| borrow | respect |
| group | share |
| lines | soothe |


| Spelling Words; Long A spelled a_e |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| age | made |
| cage | make |
| cake | name |
| fake | safe |
| late | take |

## Story Words

farmer gerbil
squeak

Long A spelled a_e
ace
ages
ape
bake
base
brake
brave
case
cave
caves
crate
date
Dave
fade
fame
game
gate
gave
Grace
grape
Jake
lake
mane
Nate
place
plane
plate
rake
same
save
shade
shake
shape
skate
snake
state
takes
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tape
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wave
/s/ Sound spelled c lj/ Sound spelled g brace age cell ages
cent cage
face gel
fence gem
Grace gerbil
ice
lace
pace
pencil
place
places
race
rice
slice
space
trace
ginger
Ginger
giraffe
page
rage
stage
wage

## The Farmer in the Hat

I. "I could be the farmer, Old MacDonald, in this play," said Beth.
2. But I am the farmer, Beth," said Dave.
3. "I have the hat!" said Max.
4. "Stop it, Max and Dave!" said Grace.
5. "Let us make masks," (said Grace).
6. On his page, Max made a duck mask with tape.
7. Beth made hens.
8. Dave made a pig mask on his page.
9. "Take your places up on stage," said Grace.
10. "Look at that cat!" said Grace.

# Good Classmates 

To the tune of Mary Had a Little Lamb
We are polite. We show respect.
We say please,
Share with ease.
When we work in any group, We never fight or tease.

We all treat each other well, Show concern, Wait our turn.
All our classmates are good friends.
We help each other learn.


## Words to Read

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Home Activity Your child is learning to spell words with the long a sound. To practice at home, have your child say the word and spell it with eyes closed.

Here are ways to help your child practice skills while having fun!

## Day 1

Make sock puppets. Write these words on cards: lake, rake, face, gate, came, shape, wave, tape, cape. Invite your child to have the sock puppet read each word.

## Day 2

Write each word on a card: cake, cat, cent, space, came, lace, gave, go, get, cage, gem, rage, page. Have your child sort the cards into four piles: $c$ as in cake, $c$ as in cent, $g$ as in got, and $g$ as in gem, and then read them.

## Day 3

Write the following words in a list: be, could, of, horse, old, paper. Together, make up a play about an old horse and an important paper.

Write the spelling words: face, made, age, safe, take, make, cage, cake, late, name. Have your child rewrite them using one color crayon for the $\alpha$ 's, one color for the $e$ 's, and a third color for the other letters.

## Day 5

This week your child is learning about cause and effect. Discuss events throughout your day and what might have caused them or what their effect might be.

## Name


You are your child's frest and best teacher!

## This week we're

Reading The Farmer in the Hat


Talking About Who will be the farmer in the play
Learning About Long $a ; a \_e$
Consonants c/s/, g/j/
Cause and Effect

## The Plate Game

Materials index cards, marker, plate

## Game Directions

1. Cut small index cards into six small rectangles and use the chart below to create letter cards. Copy the words onto a piece of lined paper.
2. Shuffle the letter cards and give each player five cards. Place the remaining cards facedown on a plate.
3. Players look at their cards and try to build words from the list. As each word is made, that word is crossed off the list. Players take turns asking other players for a missing letter. If that person has the letter, he or she must give it to the asking player. If that person does not have the letter, he or she tells the player to "Go to the plate" to collect another letter card. Play continues until all the words have been formed.

| Game Cards Needed |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of cards needed | 1 of each | 2 of each | 3 of each | 5 of each | 10 |
| Letters | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{f}, \mathrm{~g}, \mathrm{~m}, \\ & \mathrm{n}, \mathrm{r}, \mathrm{sh}, \\ & \mathrm{w}, \mathrm{v} \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{c}, \mathrm{k}, \mathrm{t}$ | 1 | p | a, e |


| lake | plane |
| :--- | :--- |
| rake | face |
| game | shape |
| wave | tape |
| plate | cape |

