

**Mrs. Ricks’ Classroom News**

**Week of March 4th**

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| **Phonics Skills:**  -We will review **previously taught phonics skills**.  -We will review these tricky words:  **so, no, of**, **all, some, from, word,** **are, were, have, one, once, do, two, the, who, said, says, was, when, why, where, what, which, here, there they, their, my, by, you, your, because, should, would, could, down, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, today, yesterday,** **how,** and **tomorrow.** (Tricky heart words are words we can’t sound out. We have to know them by heart. We practice spelling and reading our heart words.)  **Reading:**  -Students will read a variety of passages while reviewing previously taught phonics skills. They will answer written comprehension questions by going back to find evidence in the text to support their answers. Students will then write the answers in complete sentences.  **Grammar:**  -Statements, Questions, and Exclamations  -Plural Nouns  **Knowledge/Writing:**  -Our 7th Knowledge Unit is “The History of the Earth.” We will learn about the layers of the earth, volcanoes, geysers, rocks, minerals, and fossils. Through writing, students will show what they have learned about the history of the earth.  -Vocabulary words we will focus on: **characteristics, gemstones, minerals, traces, igneous rock, metamorphic rock, ore, sedimentary rock, sediments, fossil, impression, paleontologist, preserved, debris, excavating, extinct, meteorite, meteors**  1stgrade | **Math:**  -Topic 12- Measurement **(There will be no homework for this topic because there is no need for extra practice at home.)**  **Core:**    -Early Exploration of the American West (Daniel Boone, The Louisiana Purchase, Lewis and Clark, Sacagawea)  **Upcoming Dates:**  **Wednesday, March 6th-** Author Visit (Michelle Schaub) and Book Swap Day  **Wednesday, March 6th-** Backyard Bird Affinity Night  **Thursday, March 7th-** Dress as your favorite book character  **Friday, March 8th-** Whole school pajama day  **March 11th-15th-** Spring Break- No School  **Wednesday, March 20th-** Author visit (Megan Benedict)  **Specials Schedule:**  Monday, 3/04- Art  Tuesday, 3/05- Music/P.E.  Wednesday, 3/06- No Specials due to author visit and book swap  Thursday, 3/07- Tech/Library  Friday, 3/08- P.E./Music  Education - School Supply - Crayon Set Isolated on White Background - Black, Blue, Turquoise, Teal, Green, Yellow, Orange, Red, Pink, Purple, Brown, and Gray Crayons Isolated on White Background |