

**Mrs. Ricks’ Classroom News**

**Week of January 16th**

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| **Phonics Skill:**  -Read and spell words with the **r-controlled vowel “ar”**  -There are no new tricky heart words for the week. 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.** (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:**  -Read books and passages with words containing “**ar**.”  **Grammar:**  -Contractions  **Knowledge/Writing:**  - Our 6th Knowledge unit is Astronomy. The topics that we will focus on are:  \*Stargazing and Constellations  \*The Moon  \*History of Space Exploration and Astronauts  \*Exploration of the Moon  Through writing, students will record observations and facts about outer space. **Vocabulary words- advances, ancient, celestial bodies, constellations, myths, appearance, counterclockwise, craters, crescent, reflecting, astronaut, launch, rockets, spacecraft, technology, determined, disaster, historic, missions, nervously**  **Math:** Topic 9- Compare Two-Digit Numbers  1stgrade | **Core:**  -States of Matter (Solid, Liquid, Gas)  **Upcoming Dates:**  **\*Monday, January 15th-**No School (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)  **\*Tuesday, January 16th-** PTO Meeting (8:00 am cafeteria)  **\*Wednesday, January 17th-** Qdoba Affinity Night (4:00-8:00 pm)  **\*Wednesday, January 31st-** 100’s Day Celebration Snack Items due  **\*Friday, February 2nd-** 100th Day of School (100th Day Project)  **\*Tuesday, February 13th-** Valentine’s Day Snack Items due  **\*Wednesday, February 14th-** Valentine’s Day (Your child may bring his/her Valentine’s cards and decorated box/bag.)  **Specials Schedule:**  Tuesday, 1/16- Art  Wednesday, 1/17- Music/P.E.  Thursday, 1/18- Tech/Library  Friday, 1/19- 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 |