

Dear Parents,

Hope you are having a great long weekend! Monday is Valentine's Day and we have many Valentine activities planned to celebrate. Many of the children have brought in Valentines and mailed them in the large decorated envelopes we constructed. If your child still wants to bring them in, they can mail them on Monday morning.

The children have been working hard taking notes about our neighbors to the north and south (Canada and Mexico). On Tuesday, they will partner up, one from Mexico and one from Canada, to compare these two countries. We have been very impressed with the work they have done on note taking using two books they were assigned in Epic. Next, we will look at our own country and in small groups research the five regions of the United States which they will then present to the class using google slides. We will use our ELA time to focus on the states in each region.

We will be completing our informational texts on book creator starting next week with the goal that students will publish their books by Thursday February, 24th. Our next unit "Changing the World ~ Persuasive Speeches, Petitions, and Editorials" will begin February 28th. Grammar continues to be focused on sentences. Understanding complete sentences and fragments.

In reading, the children have finished up their novel study and we will be focusing on reading about a state and learning more about poetry. Remember the spelling words the children received this week will not be tested on until Friday, February 18th. They should be completing one spelling activity from the google classroom or of their choosing each night.

UPCOMING EVENT:

February 15 - picture day
February 21 - President's Day off
February 25 - Free Dress Friday
March 2 - Ash Wednesday- start of Lent
March 3 - State of the School 6:30-7:30
May 14 - Gala Auction ~ [Make sure to buy your tickets.](#)

Blessings,

Susan Smith and Valerie Sheehan