



We are looking forward to being back with kids for remote learning, and hopefully we will be back in the classroom by the end of the month. January is going to be a busy month:

Reading: we will be starting our unit on **Describing Details**. Students will determine the point of view during various points in a story. Students will also use details in a story to describe the character, setting, and events.

Word Study: At this time in 1st grade, your child should be able to identify long and short vowels and their sounds (in both reading and writing). This month we will be introducing **r-controlled vowels**. When a vowel is followed by an r, the r changes the sound the vowel makes in a word. The vowel is called an r-controlled vowel or a “**bossy r**” because the r “bosses” the vowel to make a new sound.

Writing: We will be revisiting **Personal Narratives** this month. This is a special kind of writing that tells real stories from our students’ lives. Students will write a variety of personal narratives that will include three or more sequenced events along with transition words. Even during remote learning, we will continue to have a strong focus on conventions.

Math: We enter this new year continuing our introduction to place value and comparing greater than, less than, and equal to in **Unit 5** of **Everyday Math**. We will also revisit measuring by using nonstandard units, recognizing patterns and practicing number stories.

Science: We will begin our Earth Materials unit. In this unit, students explore the properties and use of different rocks and earth materials, and the responsibility of humans to care for these resources. Students will find and explore the rocks in our neighborhood and decide how to best categorize different earth materials.

We are continuing our **Second Step** curriculum and are lucky enough to have Mrs. Schnurbusch join as a co-teacher during remote learning. Our lessons will continue to focus on learning to identify and understand personal and others’ feelings. Students will also learn how to take another’s perspective and how to show compassion.

Important Dates:

Martin Luther King Jr - no school 1/18

Assessment Day (Asynchronous Day) - Tuesday 1/19

PTO Meeting - Monday 1/25 at 6:00