Mrs. Wallace's Weekly Gazette

Quick Notes . . .

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*Our Valentine's Day party will be on Thursday, February 14th at 1:30 p.m. Just a reminder that if students choose to bring in Valentine's next Tuesday they need to bring in one for each member of our class. Thank you so much to all of the parents who have volunteered to help out with the parties this year or have donated food for our parties. I know the students really appreciate everything you do to make their parties really special. We are looking forward to a fun time!

*I have included some fun math websites that your child might want to try at home on the back of this newsletter. Your child may enjoy playing some of the games on the website http://sheppardsoftware.com . If you click on math games and then scroll down you can find games to practice math facts as well as games about concepts we have covered this year such as algebra, geometry, and fractions. Also, attached to this newsletter are fraction strips that can be very helpful for your child's homework this week. Your child may choose to use these strips when comparing fractions and finding equivalent fractions.

Dates to Remember:

☺ **February 14th**

Valentine's Day Party 1:30pm

☺ **February 15th**

Early Release Day for Students

☺ **February 18th**

No School– President's Day

What we're Learning This Week...

Language Arts: This week in reading we will be working on identifying different genres that stories we read fall in. We will also be reading the story "Into the Sea" in our reading series this week. While reading this story we will be sequencing events from this nonfiction story and determining the most important events in the story. We will continue to practice responding to our reading through writing and using our own connections to make a clearer meaning of the story. Students will also continue working on learning different prefixes and suffixes to help strengthen their vocabulary. In writing we will conclude our personal narrative writing unit. Students will finish editing their writing and then type their final copies on the laptop computers.

Math: In math we will continue to work on our unit on fractions unit. Students will work on comparing fractions with like and unlike denominators, find equivalent fractions, and add and subtract fractions with like denominators.

Science/Social Studies: Students will begin working on a new science unit on matter this week. Students will be learning about the states of matter this week.