



## Weekly News

Week of 2/4-2/8

### Mrs. Wooden's Thoughts

- I am excited to announce that we will be welcoming a teacher candidate from Eureka College into our classroom this semester. Her name is Jordan Hoffman and here is a short bio about her:

“I am Jordan Hoffman and I am a student at Eureka College. This semester I will be helping and observing in your classroom. I am originally from a small town in Indiana called Jamestown. I grew up with an older sister and a twin sister. I enjoy soccer, history, and ceramics. I am also learning how to speak Spanish and German. I am currently a junior and I am pursuing a major in Elementary education with an endorsement in Special Education. I look forward to helping you in class this semester!”

- Keep filling out the Reading Calendars! This calendar are for the month of January + February. Please make sure your student is reading for 15-20 minutes every day.
- Book orders are due Monday, February 11th!
- We will be exchanging valentines on February 14th. If your student wants to participate, please make sure he/she brings a valentine for everyone in the class. We will be having a Valentine Box Decorating Contest, too!
- We are moving right along in our Engineering in the Classroom in Science! Our theme is MUSIC and students are building machines to make sounds. **We are really in need of scrap wood.** No other donations are needed. Our competition date is February 23rd...time and location is TBA, but mark your calendars!!!
- ***Students are running out of paper and pencils!! Please get some this weekend or this week and send to school with your students. Thank you! My extra supply is almost gone. Some students also still need earbuds or headphones for when we work on our chromebooks.***

## Classroom Superstar

Congratulations to our next Classroom Superstar, Bradley! Bradley was chosen because he follows our school and classroom rules at all times. He treats everyone with respect and kindness. Bradley is a great all-around kid...way to go!

## Reminders

- 2/4 – District Spelling Bee – 1:00 p.m.
- 2/8 – Family Fun Night at Armstrong ~ 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 2/14 – Valentine’s Day Parties – 2:15 p.m.
- 2/15 – 1/2 Day SIP – 1:00 p.m.
- 2/18 – President’s Day – No School
- 2/20 – 3rd Quarter Midterms

## Upcoming Tests

- Monday- Words Their Way Tests
- Friday- Multiplying + Dividing Fractions Test

## Classroom Feature

### Words Their Way...what is it?

This program is an approach to spelling that encourages the examination of groups of words for similarities and differences; a way of looking at words and word parts. Spelling lists are differentiated according to students’ instructional levels and reflect both a comparison of sound or features and a predictable progression of spelling development as evidenced by research. Students sort words according to these patterns and learn how to spell words using these patterns.

### What is expected of my student each week?

Students were given a “Words Their Way Choice Board” at the beginning of the year and we taped a copy of it in the Boomerang Folder. Students need to complete one activity a night for a total of five activities. The activities help the student learn the words patterns and work with the definitions of the words. Students need to study the words on the weekend so they are ready for our test on Monday. *Lately, I can tell that*

*students aren't studying as much as they should because our Words Their Way test scores have lowered.*

## **Contact Me**

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