



# Mrs. Downs' Newsletter

January 5-9, 2015

EVERY child, EVERY day,  
WHATEVER IT TAKES!



## A Wonderland of Learning



### A New Year of Events

- ◆ January 14- Report Cards Come Home
- ◆ January 19- No School- MLK
- ◆ January 30- Kick Off for Jump Rope for Heart

*Star Student: Payton Moorhead!!!*

## Class Wish List

- Extra Snacks
- Clorox/Lysol Wipes
- Stationary for Word Work
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### Reading: **Stories by Jan Brett**

- Comparing & contrasting character adventures in various stories.

### Writing: **How-To's**

- Students will write how-to pieces to inform/explain a topic.

### Math: **Place Value**

- Students will learn addition and subtraction relationships.

### Social Studies: **States of Matter**

- Students will learn about the three states of matter (solids, liquids, & gases).

## Notes from the Teacher

Please keep attendance a top priority!

Thursdays are family reading nights in our library 6:00-7:00.

Please remember to read and practice sight words at home!

## Weekly Words

List 1: make, came, take, name, gave, Kate

List 2: face, grade, space, place, state, Shane

List 3: basement, toothpaste, skateboard, change, parade, James

Bonus Words: solid, liquid



◆ **Teacher Tip: Encouraging Personal Libraries at Home** ◆  
<http://www.rif.org/parents/tips/tip.aspx?View=2>

By encouraging children to pull together personal libraries, you are helping them express their affection and respect for books. View some tips for helping children set up collections.

Children often want their own place to keep books that have special meaning for them. By encouraging children to set aside their personal favorites, you are helping them express their affection and respect for books. Here are some tips for helping children set up collections:

- Find a special place for books. If your child's room doesn't have a bookshelf or bookcase, use a box, basket, or other sturdy container. Plastic stacking cubes work well.
- As often as possible, let your children choose the books they want to add to their collection.  
A book-buying trip to a yard sale or bookstore is a fun Saturday activity.
- Take your children to the library regularly. Even a child with a well-stocked bookshelf needs a fresh supply of books. Encourage children to treat library books with the same care they show their own.
- Give your children books or magazine subscriptions as gifts.
- For babies and young toddlers, choose sturdy books that will survive rough handling. Board books, for example, have thick pages that can be turned easily and wiped clean.