

# Annamae's Crew Weekly Newsletter

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Maggie Carlson sharing  
information about Ecuador.



Hello Everyone!

Nikki and I are still working on locating the items we need for the kickoff of our new expedition. For this kick off, we will be needing to borrow some items... if you have any of the following please let me know: bricks or other building material that will fit in a copy paper sized box (cinder blocks may also work), long pieces of wood or metal (no sharp edges the longer the better), snow sleds, dowels (both thin and thick). We are simulating large building stones and are having the students figure out how they will move those stones from the "quarry" to the building site (how the invention of the wheel was figured out).

For Math, I introduced the dime. We've been working hard on trading pennies and nickels for dimes and on counting a mixture of dimes, nickels, and pennies (both of these are tricky... remember to count the largest coins first and it's OK to start by trading for all nickels and then to trade the nickels for dimes). We've also been spending more time using number grids to help with addition and subtraction (this is also tricky because it's hard to remember that each line needs to be read left to right when adding and right to left when subtracting). Daily 5 is coming right along. We learned a new reading strategy that falls under Accuracy - Chunk Letters and Sounds. This is where all of the practice with phonograms will really come in handy... and because of all our phonograms, many students do this automatically!

There are some special events coming up. I've listed the dates below. Our school will be taking a trip to see Suessical the Musical... permission slips have been sent home and need to be returned as soon as possible. We will be having a small Valentine's Party on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>, but because we have the Suessical Field trip, we will not have very much time... basically we'll be making cards for our families and then passing the treats and cards they bring in (everyone is welcome to bring in candies or snacks). If they bring for one, they need to bring for everyone (I have attached a class list so you can help make sure no one gets skipped). We will be having a school wide Mardi Gras Celebration. This day has been planned by our French program... we will not have a regular schedule on this day, but rather special centers set up for us to rotate through! The 100<sup>th</sup> day of school is just around the corner. I will be sending home a special homework assignment on the 12<sup>th</sup> that will need to be handed in on the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school (Wednesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>). We will also have a couple of special class work assignments that we do that day to celebrate!

Friday homework should be in their backpacks. It is due Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can most easily be reached via e-mail at: [annamae@schoolcraft.org](mailto:annamae@schoolcraft.org) I can also be reached via phone by calling the main Schoolcraft number at 218-586-3284.

Thanks!!

AnnaMae

## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER...

February 14<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday - Cookbook and Celebration CD orders are due

February 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday - February book orders are due

February 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday - Valentine's Day Celebration (bring in Valentines and a Valentine's box)

February 12<sup>th</sup>, Friday - Suessical the Musical (be sure your child's permission slip is in)

February 15<sup>th</sup>, Monday - NO SCHOOL!! Presidents' Day

February 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday - School wide Mardi Gras, families are welcome to come join the French festivities all day at SLC

February 17<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday - 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School (see homework assignment that will be given on the 12<sup>th</sup>)

February 25-26<sup>th</sup>, Thursday and Friday - Conferences, NO SCHOOL

March 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday - SLC Winterfest! Families are encouraged to come have fun with us!

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!!

Sam Schulze - February 13<sup>th</sup>