



## Ms. Fairman's Weekly Newsletter

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### January 23rd-January 27th

Hello families! I hope that everyone had a great weekend!

Here's what we worked on in class this week. In math, we've continued practicing our times tables each morning. Several students are almost done and are getting ready to start division facts. This is great! I've continued to talk with the other students about how this isn't something to stress over, but something to keep practicing. Our goal is by the end of the year. If they get there sooner, that's great, but if not, that's ok too. We're going to continue practicing, and also using our facts.

We finished our introductory lesson on area this week, and will be moving on to finding area by multiplying this week. Our last lesson on area, which will hopefully be next week, will be finding the area of combined shapes.

In reading this week, we practiced more with main idea and took our main idea quiz. I introduced making inferences this week, and we'll be continuing to work on those this coming week. Then we'll be transitioning into cause and effect before getting into a big unit on folk literature, which will also include story elements and character traits.

In writing, we finally got to look at our letters from our pen pals and start our responses. We'll be working to get

those done this week so we can mail them a letter back!

In social studies this week, we continued working on latitude and longitude and learned about the four hemispheres. This week we'll finish up with longitude and latitude before starting maps.

### Ms. Fairman out of the building

Friday, January 27th, I will be out of the building to attend a conference in Anchorage. I will be flying out on Thursday and will be in and out of meetings and sessions all weekend. If something important arises while I am away, please contact the office directly. Other emails and communications will be returned when I am back on Monday, the 30th.

### Maintenance Sheets

After some careful thought, I've made the decision to move forward with the idea of using maintenance sheets inside the classroom as opposed to as homework. Please note that there will be no more maintenance sheets for homework moving forward.

### Upcoming Important Dates

**February 19-** No School; Professional Development Day

**February 20/21-** Parent/Teacher Conferences

**March 10-** Early dismissal; Last day of 3rd quarter

**March 13-March 17-** Spring break