

Dear Room 11 Parents,

On Friday, the children will exchange Valentine cards and open them. It is an opportunity to practice appreciation, caring and respect. **Please wait until Wednesday** to begin sending the cards in. Thank you!

Mill Valley teachers are gearing up for report cards. I have started assessment testing the past couple of weeks and will continue into March. Report cards go home on Friday, March 6. Thanks for getting your child to school on time, rested and ready to work.

We are looking for comprehension during reading, not just speed and ability to decode text. A reader has to understand what is being communicated. We hope to see students using decoding strategies for tricky words (sounding out, using the pictures, look to the end of the sentence, thinking about what makes sense, etc.) and comprehension strategies (predictions, questioning, visualizing, retelling, character analysis, etc.).

All of the First Grade math games that we send for homework each month are on my classroom website: [1st Gr. Math Games](#) Please browse at your pleasure!

Thank you!

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Volunteers This Week

W	Library 9:55-10:50	Sara Einhorn
TH	Art 9:55-10:50 (B Group)	Megan McCook

On The Calendar

Feb. 18-21	No School - Mid-Winter Break
Fri., Mar. 6	Report Cards Sent Home
Mon., Mar. 9	Morning Assembly led by 1st Grade - wear ORANGE to school!
Fri., Mar. 13	No School - Staff Development Day
Fri., Mar. 20	Oceans Assembly with Banana Slug Band 10:45-12:00, auditorium
Tue., Mar. 24-28	Used Book Sale, auditorium
Tue., Apr. 21	KIDDO First Grade Music Performance 8:45-9:45 auditorium
Apr. 6-10	No School - Spring Break

This Week's Sight Words: **we, there, can, an, your** (Look for these in daily reading.)

Question Words: **who, what, where, when, why, how, which** (We have been practicing spelling and reading them. Please point them out in your daily reading.)