



First Grade

# News

What's Happening in  
Mrs. Gascon's Classroom



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Issue 7: Winter Fun!



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## The Classroom Website

Take some time to visit our classroom website! While you are there, you will find many new projects and activities we've done in January.

First you should visit the "Photo" page. Have you heard that we have preschool reading buddies? On the "Photo" page, you can find pictures of our class making connections and modeling excellent reading for the preschoolers.

Next, visit the "Technology Projects" page. Recently we started a Geography unit and are learning about places, directions, and landforms. We've created a Popplet to show the different landforms we are learning about. On this page, you can also see our Venn Diagrams, which compare the books The Hat and The Mitten by Jan Brett.

Finally, the website has a link to our Kidblogs. Soon we will learn how to upload all these fantastic iPad projects onto our Kidblogs! We are looking forward to sharing these posts with you soon!

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## Mrs. Gascon's Reminders

### Reading Log

ICA's Reading Log policy has been updated. Logs are now due the first day of the next month (ex. January's log is Due on February 1<sup>st</sup>). You must sign the log in order for your child to earn 4 points at the end of the month.

### Breakfast

Eating breakfast helps kids learn! Please remember to eat breakfast every day before school.

### End of Quarter

Today marks the end of the second quarter. We are now half way through first grade!

## February Projects

### 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

The 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School is quickly approaching. We have many fun activities planned for this big day that will be on **Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**! As a part of our 100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebration, your child needs to collect 100 similar things and display them on a poster in a unique way. For example, you could glue 100 pieces of cereal onto a poster in the shape of the number 100. The possibilities are endless and there is really no wrong way to do it. Get creative! If you have questions, need help coming up with an idea, or need a piece of poster board, please let me know. Please send all posters to school on **February 11<sup>th</sup>**!

### Valentine's Day Boxes

Stop before you throw away that old shoe box or tissue box! Our Valentine's Day party will be on **February 14<sup>th</sup>** and we will have a Mailbox Competition. The most creative mailboxes will earn a special prize! I will give you more specific details about the party as the date approaches, I just wanted to give you a heads up so you can get started on your creations!

## \$ Money \$

### Our Class Store

Thank you to all the families who donated empty food boxes and cans for our class store. Today we started using our money knowledge to "buy" items at our classroom store. Not only is it fun, but it requires students to add two digit numbers together, which many of them have not done before. In class, we learn how to add two-digit numbers together (ex. 24+24) by using dimes and pennies. Soon you will see 2-digit addition problems on the math homework. If you see your child struggling, offer them some dimes and pennies to help!