

### Math

The boys and girls in Room 12 have been learning strategies to add -1 and -2 digit numbers. We have learned how to make a group of 10, break numbers into tens and ones, and use ten frames. The class has been practicing the different strategies through various math stations. We will begin working on subtraction this month. As we continue to learn different strategies, please remember that Xtramath can be used to practice our basic facts.

### **Room 12 News**

Last month, we had a wonderful visit from the Quinnipiac Men's Hockey team. We got to meet Boomer the Bobcat and listen to a story from one of the players. The class had an opportunity to ask questions and learn all about the player. This month, we will have a visit from a dental office to discuss dental health with the first graders.

## **Important News:**

February 11<sup>th</sup>- Iaroslav's Birthday

February 14<sup>th</sup>- Valentine's Day Activities in Room 12

February 15th - PTA Meeting at 7:00

February 16th, 19th, & 20th - No School

February 20<sup>th</sup> – Marc's Birthday

# \*100th Day\*

100<sup>th</sup> day of school will be Friday, February 9, 2018. Please help your child collect 100 like items in an unbreakable container or a zip-lock bag. Some ideas are paper clips, coins, macaroni, legos, etc. If we have any snow days, the 100<sup>th</sup> day will be moved. #

## **Reading Workshop**

The students have shown a lot of improvement in their reading. We have been looking closely at informational text and using our good reading habits to learn new information. We continue to practice retelling each day with our partners.

The boys and girls continue to bring 3 books home each night in their baggie. Please try to read 15-20 minutes each night and send the books back to school the next day.

#### **Word Study**

This month, we will begin exploring common long vowel patterns such as -ay/ai/oa/ow/igh. The students are working on using these patterns to spell tricky words during writing workshop and decode them during reading workshop. We have been working really hard to master words with the "magic" e.