



# Home-School Connections

## First Grade-Jan/Feb., 2012

Here are some ideas and activities that you can work on to build upon and review what we are learning in our class this month.

1.) Use a hundreds chart to practice number patterns. We are working on:

- \*counting by 2's, 5's and 10's

-Kids should be able to use the chart to count 1 more or 1 less, and 10 more or 10 less beginning with any number on the chart. For example, 5, 15, 25, 35, 45, 55 or 8, 18, 28, 38, 48, etc. We are also working on answering questions such as, "What number is 10 more than (or less than) 48?" This is tricky, but using the chart really helps them to see the number patterns.

- \* greater than, less than : For example,

25 is \_\_\_\_\_ than 45 or 88 is \_\_\_\_\_ than 86

2.) Using the 5 W's for reading comprehension:

- \* Use Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How to ask your child about the books they are reading. Using Do, Did, Will, and How questions are also good to use to have your child talk about their feelings and opinions about what they are reading.

3.) Have your child tell you the PLOT of the book they read--the plot is made up of the most important events in a story and usually includes the characters, setting, problem and solution.

4.) *Make a Valentine's Day Card Holder*

- \*Find a shoe box for adult sized shoes or some other type of medium-sized box and decorate it to bring to school for Valentine's Day. Please make sure it has an opening big enough for the other students to be able to put cards and goodies in. Make sure it is labeled with their name and that the opening is large enough to put things in as well as take them out! Please have your student bring it with them on or before Tuesday, February 14th. Have Fun!