



# The Manatee Messenger

Week of February 1, 2010

## \*\* Parent Participation Forms Need Now For February! \*\*

### What's New in Literacy

This week we are working on:

- Blending sounds
- Words with short a (at, an)
- Alphafriend: Fifi Fish (Ff)
- Comprehension skills:
  - Story Structure  
(Beginning, Middle and End)
  - Categorize & Classify
- Vocabulary: Describing Words
- Wall Word: I, see, my, like, a, to, go
- Practice reading these books:
  - "Pat, Nat, and Nan"
  - "Go, Cat"
  - "Pat and Nan"



Special Manatees for  
this week are:

Jake Nelms  
&  
Izzy Kozlowski

### Letter of the Week

Our letter for next week is Ff. We will have Ff Show and Tell and French Fries for snack on Friday, February 5th.



Our Valentine's Day Party is on Feb. 12th. We will have LI Day in the morning and the party in the afternoon.

We do have a post office for the children to give each other valentines. Have your child just sign their name to the back of the card. Please do not address the envelopes. Mrs. Antonides will have a bag for any of the children who would like to give her one while she's recuperating from her foot surgery.

The Valentine Party Sign-Ups are now up. Check them out!



## Science Unit

The manatees are now learning about the four seasons. They are also doing observations for their bird study.

### Contact Numbers

We now have new email address which are listed below for your convenience.

Please feel free to contact us at any time. We will be happy to discuss your child's progress. Please direct all questions about your child to his/her teacher. You can contact us at:

#### Mrs. Popovici

School: 667-8970 ext. 218

Home: 248-651-7642

Email: [jpopovici@chatfieldschool.org](mailto:jpopovici@chatfieldschool.org)  
[popomom5@aol.com](mailto:popomom5@aol.com)

#### Mrs. Houghtaling

School: 667-8970 ext. 207

Cell: 810-338-2592

Email: [choughtaling@chatfieldschool.org](mailto:choughtaling@chatfieldschool.org)

## Special Schedule

Monday: Art

Tuesday: Gym & Spanish

Wednesday: Music

Thursday: Gym & Spanish

*Be sure your child wears tennis shoes on gym day!*

Friday: Students are dismissed at 2:30pm



### **\*\*Weather Alert:**

We will be going outside at recess unless the wind chill factor is lower than 15. Please be sure your child is dressed for the weather with gloves, snow pants, hats and boots.

Special Manatees for this week are:

Robert Fliedner  
&  
Max Datsko