

# Miss Basinger's First Grade Newsletter February 23, 2017

## This is what we studied:

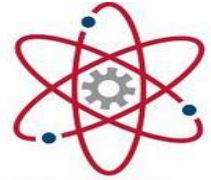
- The word of the week: *patriotism*
- Vowel teams (ea, ai, ie, oa)
- Congruent and noncongruent shapes
- Parallelograms and all 2-D shapes: rhombus, rectangle, triangle, square, circle, trapezoid.
- 3-D shape: we learned what a triangular prism looks like.
- Composing and decomposing shapes
- Researching famous African American musicians, authors, and artists.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAR 9- OPEN HOUSE/PROJECT LEAD THE WAY SHOWCASE

MAR 13-17- SPRING BREAK!



PROJECT LEAD THE WAY  
**PLTW**

The students are designing shoes to travel to their environments. They may want to bring a few supplies from home to add to their shoes. 😊



## Please read! Helpful reading tips to do with your child!

- **Child reads to you-Side by side!** Sit next to your child when he/she reads to you. This will help them when sounding out words. Give them 5-7 seconds to figure out a word that is troublesome. Make sure to have them "try it" before helping them sound it out. They will look for help every time if they are given the answer right away. It would also be helpful to write down any sight words from the book that are difficult for your child and practice those after reading.
- **Parent reads to child-Just for fun reading-** Always let your child pick a book to listen to you read to him/her. Most students' parents/guardians stop reading to their children once they can read easily by themselves. It is so beneficial for them to hear you read fluently because they need to hear the expression you use and will learn a plethora of vocabulary this way.
- Just for fun reading is so beneficial to your child because they are able to explore books that are of interest and can learn to see books as something they can enjoy as well as learn from.