Dear First Grade Families,

February is here!

**Valentine’s Day**: Valentine’s Day is on Tuesday, February 14th. We will exchange Valentines on that day and have a small celebration with treats. I really encourage homemade cards! We will make mailboxes here in the classroom. There is a class list on the back of this letter. If you would like to send a treat or healthy snack in for that day please let me know!

**Junior Achievement:** I am excited to share that Alanson Elementary will be having a guest teacher from the community, Mr. Stacks to teach the Junior Achievement Program each Friday for 6 weeks! This is a wonderful community program that will focus on social study skills such as wants and needs and community commerce and resources. First grade will have Junior Achievement from 1:55-2:45 each Friday in February and two in March!

**Peer to Peer:** Our Peer to Peer program will be taking a field trip to the bowling alley this month. Please keep your eyes out for a permission slip that will be coming home soon!

**Library Books:** Please look for any library books you may still have at home. At this point if your child has any outstanding books they will not be allowed to check out new books. Please check again and send them in if you still have some. Thanks!

**Homework:** I hope that you have been enjoying reading with your children at home! Please keep up the good work. Reading for 20 minutes a night at home has been proven with research to increase your child’s reading level and vocabulary. It is so very important. They are gaining in skills and confidence daily. After you read with them, take a minute to ask them some questions about the story! We are working on comprehension skills in the classroom every day.

Have a great week.

Mrs. Yetter