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Now that we have dug out of the snow, we will continue to dig into learning. In reading, students will identify genre and story elements. Whenever you read books for the Reading Log, please ask your child the following questions: What is the genre? the title? the characters? the setting? the problem? the solution to the problem? Word Study power is amazing. Students are growing by leaps and bounds. In addition to word patterns, work on beginning and ending blends and digraphs has been very productive. Continue to work with words nightly to reinforce classroom learning. In Religion and Social Studies, the focus will be on peace with family, neighbors, and the world. Peace begins with each one of us. Sing To Read and Read To Sing Peace Songs. Investigate maps and the globe. Go north, south, east and west. Find cities, countries and continents. We will be using our letter writing skills to write other Catholic Schools in the United States. Your child will be implementing the 5 parts of a friendly letter: heading, greeting, body, closing and signature. Do the Friendly Letter Dance. In PE, First Grade will continue to work on jump rope skills

and the Winter Olympics. In Music, students will notate and use unpitched percussion instruments with the poem, "Bate, Bate." In Spanish, students will focus on "la familia." In Technology, we will complete a Polar Pals book by being scavenger hunters on the web using approved resources. Don't forget Valentine's Day is also Grandparents' Day at PCRS. Please remind grandparents they may visit prior to the 10:00 a.m. show and enjoy some breakfast treats. Students may invite family or family friends to serve as their designated grandparents also, If grandparents live too many miles away, please ask them to write a card and send it before February 12. Include your child's name, grade, school address 2301 Oregon Avenue Portsmouth, VA 23701. They will be hand delivered to your child at the assembly. We hope to see you soon. Please RSVP and let us know how many are coming so we may effectively plan for the event. Grandparents may sign students out and take them to lunch or spend the day together. Since it is Valentine's Day, students may exchange Valentines. It's a great way to practice handwriting. Please be sure EVERY child is included. It's a day for love.