

# Ortwein Overview

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Dear Parents,

Hello! I can't believe we are entering the month of February this week! Please continue to watch our Indiana weather. Your child finished taking each section of the CogAt test last week. I am very proud of their effort and hard work on each portion of the test. We started working on a new writing method to use when answering open response questions called RACE. The RACE method will help students gear up for the ISTEP test and upper grades. Ask your child to use this method when answering comprehension questions. Finally, we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school with fun activities and a snack. We had a blast!

I have attached a class roster to this newsletter to help your child prepare their Valentine's Day cards. We will have our last class party on the 14<sup>th</sup> too. I plan to send

out a google form for party donations to help us celebrate.

Our classroom is in need of more hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes to help us stay healthy during this flu/winter season. I encourage your child to wash their hands during restroom breaks. We do use hand sanitizer and wipes periodically through the day too.

The school yearbook is currently on sale. The cost is 14.00. Online orders can be placed at [ybpay.lfetouch.com](http://ybpay.lfetouch.com) ID code - 12596718  
Checks are made out to Lifetouch. Orders are due February 23. Have a great week!

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## Subject Areas:

### Unit 4 Week 3: Soil

- Comprehension: Plot and Theme/Visualize
- Conventions: Adverbs That Tell When and Where
- Writing: Race and Descriptive Writing
- Vocabulary: Multiple-Meaning Words and Context Clues
- Spelling: Syllable Patterns

### Unit 6:

- Representing Data
- Comparison Number Stories
- Interpreting Number Stories
- Animal Number Stories

### Spelling

- downstairs
- football
- cowboy
- houseboat
- railroad
- rainbow
- boyhood
- oatmeal
- soybean
- roadway
- outplay
- daydream
- none
- hour

### Upcoming Dates:

- 2/7 PTO Meeting at 6:00
- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/19 Presidents' Day (No School unless it becomes a snow make-up day.)