



# Second Grade Newsletter

December 16, 2016



## Important Dates

It is that time again.... our annual holiday **Christmas Program!** **Dress Rehearsal** will be on **Wednesday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>** at **8:30A.M.** and the **program** will start at **1:00P.M.** Parents may take their child home after the program is over. However, all parents must come to my room to speak to me, so I know your child is with you. If a relative is picking your child up, you need to send in a signed written permission slip, otherwise I will not be able to release him or her.

**Reading logs** need to be **filled out, signed and returned on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**A new log** is attached to this newsletter with the return date.

**Students may now access "Word Study" in ELA on Front Row. This is great for phonics, spelling, and vocabulary application.**

## Agenda Books

Students are responsible for filling out their agenda book and taking it home daily to be signed. This is a great communication tool to let you know what we worked on during the day, if your child has homework to be completed, or if a note of concern is written. Agenda book must be in class daily.



## Classroom News



On Thursday afternoon at 12:45 P.M. we will be watching a movie for our Christmas party. The first and second grade classrooms will all have a movie to show in their room. We will give the students a "choice" of what movie they would like to watch. Students will have to remain in that classroom the entire time until the movie is over. There will be "no" switching rooms. Students may bring in their "own healthy snack" to eat during snack time, or have a snack that is already provided. Thank to those who have been contributing to our snack bin. If you have not provided a snack this year, please send one in. I have a handful of students who have brought in many snacks. We need everyone to contribute in order to have a snack, otherwise students will have to bring in their own snack daily. I had a student say, "My Mom said the teacher should provide the snack." I, too, have contributed many times. If I was rich, no problem, but that isn't the case.

Students may also wear pajamas on Thursday if they would like to. I got a big, "Hooray!" on that one :)

We are extending our collection of items for the Almost Home Animal Shelter until Tuesday, December 20th. If you have not contributed and would like to, there is still time left. I will purchase items for the shelter this weekend with the money students have donated and show each student what he/she bought.

We will be contacting the Niagara Journal to come and take a photo of the classes and their donations. A representative from the shelter will come to school to collect our Christmas presents for the animals. Thank you for showing your support for a wonderful cause. Together, we are setting a good example for our children on citizenship and making the world a better place. It is an act like this that shapes our children into becoming better people and making them realize that helping others is very important!

All students should be reading at their level every night for at least 20-30 minutes. Students are supposed to check out an AR book in the library weekly, so they can read and test on it. A handful of students are not reading extra and their scores are a reflection of it. **Please encourage your child and emphasize how important reading is for everyday life!**

Please remember to return your child's reading log on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. I am very proud of all the students who are putting forth the extra effort!!

Anne Bartels was cancelled today, due to the weather conditions coming our way. She is rescheduling for January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Literacy Tips:** Have students practice their spelling in clay, using magnetic letters, or typing them on a computer. Read with your child daily to ensure he/she is being fluent and understanding what is being read. Reading books and/or library books should be coming home to practice reading daily.

**Math Tips:** All students have been added to a new math program call "front row." Students can access the program from home and continue where they left off. The classroom code is 3s3trg. This is a great way to work on all skills learned thus far and MATH FACTS! I am seeing most students making progress, but not all.



For Spelling this week we will work on Christmas words for fun and practice Word Study on Front Row.

There will be NO spelling or READING TEST this week.



### Vocabulary

Reading Vocabulary words will depend on books the students are reading.

Math Vocabulary is listed on Weebly site.

Science Vocabulary: Different types of landforms

Social Studies: Continents/Location



### What We're Learning

Reading: Book Clubs Leveled reader books -Students will test their comprehension by taking an AR Test after their book is finished. We will also work on story elements.

Reading Logs must be filled out and returned on the designated date

Phonics/Spelling patterns: Front Row practice

Grammar: possessive nouns- singular and plural

Applying spelling rules to words

Math: Chapter 6 Adding 3 digit numbers

Work in 1-1,000 booklet, & Extra practice booklet -many different skills: adding with regrouping, subtracting with regrouping, fact families, adding money....

Mechanics of Writing

Journal Writing-working on 3 paragraphs

Science: Landforms and definitions—Matching game

Social Studies: Christmas Around the World

Computers: Type to Learn, Accelerated Math,

Math Facts in a Flash, and Accelerated

Reading & Front Row-ELA "Word Study"



### Important Information

Please remind your child to have all the necessary materials in class daily. Reading book, agenda book, AR books, glasses (if needed), homework to be returned...etc.

Remember to dress appropriately for the weather!  
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Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. J.