



Second Grade Newsletter

December 9, 2016



Important Dates

It is that time again.... our annual holiday **Christmas Program!** Dress Rehearsal will be on Wednesday, Dec. 21st 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 12th. 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 a note of concern is written. Agenda book must be in class daily.



Classroom News



A list of items for the Almost Home Animal Shelter is attached to this letter. Please send in your items by December 16th. This is the last day for our collection. We will be contacting the Niagara Journal to come and take a photo of the classes, donations and a representative from the shelter on Friday. 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!

On Friday, we will be having Anne Bartels come and present another fun-filled, hands on science lesson to the second graders. The lessons taught teach the students about outdoor awareness and environmental discovery. Most of all, it shows the students how to "respect, protect, and appreciate Earth and its resources.

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! If you do not have Students can make their own using index cards. Start with facts with 0 first. Then facts with 1..etc.



Spelling Words to Practice:

Words with "ear", "eer", "ere" & "er"

ear: near dear ear

eer: deer steer cheer

ere: here where

er: verb perch

Review:

first hurt

High-Frequency:

inside behind happened



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: er, ear, eer, & ere

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"



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

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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