

Second Grade Newsletter

January, 2012

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- ◆ **Report cards will be sent home on January 30th.**
- ◆ **Please send in a snack with your child every day, even when they buy lunch.**
- ◆ **Let us know if you have any questions or concerns.**

We are definitely back in the swing of things after our winter vacation. We are busy learning many new things in second grade.

We would also like to thank the parents who have volunteered to read to our classes in February. We certainly appreciate your involvement in your child's education. If you need to reschedule your reading date for any reason, please let us know and we will be glad to find another time for you to come in and read to the students.

Happy New Year!

Math: We have been working on 2-digit addition and subtraction. These are complex concepts that involve regrouping — we used to call it carrying over and borrowing. It would help your child to memorize the basic addition and subtraction facts to 20.

Social Studies/Science: We have just finished social studies with a unit about communities, our state, our country, and the continents. This will end social studies until the fourth marking period. We will begin studying matter in science during the third marking period. As always, please help your child study for this and all tests to ensure success.

Reading/Language Arts: We have just completed our first reading book and are giving several mid-year tests to evaluate your child's progress in reading. Our language program follows the same testing format as our reading. We are starting the second and final reading book for second grade. Please continue to read with your child at home. It helps to improve his/her fluency and comprehension. **Book-It** reading will continue through March. The January project is due at the end of the month, and the calendar is due on Jan. 31st. Please encourage your child to read.



Cursive Time is Here!

We will be starting to learn cursive soon. Boy, are the children excited! Please encourage your child to practice only the letters we have introduced in class. We are trying to demonstrate the correct way to form and connect each letter and word. Therefore, it is

important NOT to practice letters we have not yet introduced in class. That way your child won't practice any incorrect forms or develop any bad writing habits. We want to keep this task fun and ensure that your child is successful with this very important life skill.

Please encourage your child to write as neatly as possible on homework and classwork and remind them that practice will make cursive writing easier and faster as time goes on.