

2nd Grade Weekly Newsletter

December 4 - December 8

Math

- **Unit 2: Addition within 200**
 - We are going to choose a preferred method of solving 2-digit addition and then practice, **PRACTICE, PRACTICE.**

Math Tip: All Totals Method

In your child's Red Homework Folder (in the Helpful Tips sheet protector) there is information about how to solve 2-digit addition problems using the All Totals Method.

What is Happening

- Well, you may have seen a reindeer drawing or two in your household. I taught the kids how to draw a reindeer using a directed drawing lesson plan. It was a HUGE hit! I have more lessons up my sleeve for later dates. Their reindeer pictures are up in the hallway. I absolutely love them!
- We are still working on our 5-finger summarizing strategy. It is going well. We practice after we read a chapter in our *Christmas in Camelot* book. I will be sending home the strategy as a Reading Tip in the Red Homework folder after we have a little more practice.
- Your child's Fall Journal is in the Friday Folder. Students work on this four days a week for 20 minutes each day. We are currently working on our Winter Journal. I will be collecting the Winter Journals periodically and giving the students feedback. We should be progressing towards writing paragraphs as entries and no longer just a sentence.

Reading

- ***Magic Treehouse: Christmas in Camelot***
 - Chapters 5, 6, and 7
- **Daily Five/Guided Reading**
 - *The Brain*

Reading Tip: Writing

When my own children were around the second grade, I had them write and illustrate a story about their favorite memory with their grandparents. I gave the stories to their grandparents as a Christmas gift. They loved it! Have your child write a story for a loved one. It is a gift that will be treasured.

ELA

Grammar: reviewing possessive nouns and plurals; action verbs

Opinion

- Book Reviews
 - Working on a graphic organizer to organize ideas

Science/Social Studies

- **Earth's Materials: Water**
 - Uses and sources of water
- **Where is my Community and What Does it Look Like**
 - More practice reading maps

Phonics/Spelling

- List #13: Long a: a-consonant-e; ai; ay
- Test on Friday

A list will be in your child's Homework Folder

Calendar

- Dec 6 (Wed): Movie Night
- Dec 6 (Wed): PTO Meeting 6:00 pm
- Dec 13 (Wed): ½ Day of school; 11:30 dismissal
- Dec 14 (Thurs): Credit Union
- Dec 15 (Fri): Progress Reports sent home
- Dec 20 (Wed): Christmas Program at 6:30 pm
- Dec 23 (Sat): Christmas Break begins
- Jan 3 (Wed): School resumes

Parent Suggestions

- In the Friday Folder there is information about the Christmas program on Wednesday the 20th at 6:30 pm. Thank you to the parents that were able to volunteer. That information will be coming soon.