

2nd Grade Weekly Newsletter

February 12 - February 16

Math

- **Unit 4: Subtract 2-Digit Numbers**
 - Counting dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels, pennies
 - Quick Quiz #1 (Money) - Wednesday
 - Using manipulatives to subtract 2-digit numbers

Math Tip: Money

We are now on to counting dollars and quarters! Please help your child by counting all coins with them. Money is a very short section in this unit. We have already been counting quarters in class for some time now, but extra practice always helps.

What is Happening

- On Tuesday, the surprise in the box was revealed! We made a model of landforms and water forms with marshmallows, graham crackers, caramel chews, and Hershey Kisses. We used frosting as our glue. After we identified each land and water form in our model, we ate our model. That was the best part!
- We wrapped up our combined science and social studies units on water, landforms, and maps. We will be on to our next social studies unit about the branches of local government.
- Even though we have moved on from the character trait of caring, many students are going out of their way to show the trait by helping others. Great to see! As one student put it, "We should keep practicing all the character traits." So true. This month's trait is tolerance.
- We celebrated 100 Day on Friday. Ask your child about it!

Reading

- *Magic Treehouse: The Eve of the Emperor Penguin*
 - Wrap-up activities
- **Daily Five/Guided Reading**
 - Text feature scavenger hunt
 - Finding text evidence

Reading Tip: Summarizing

To tie in with the "Five Finger" summarizing that we have been doing in reading and writing, ask your child to read a picture book to you and summarize it using the strategy. If you need to use the handout in the Red Homework Folder, you may. However, most students can do it without the handout. Give them a chance to impress you with this amazing skill.

ELA

Grammar: Linking verbs and reviewing proper nouns
Narrative

- **POW (paragraph of the week):** A time you did something that was hard
 - Peer editing, revising and final draft
- Students are doing an **AWESOME** job with our POW writing. We are using the hand summary that was put in the Red Homework Folder a while ago. Not only does it work magically for summarizing what we read, it is magical when we write! We can't wait to tell Mrs. Fry, our consultant, about our fabulous writing.

Science/Social Studies

- **How Do Citizens Live Together in a Community?**
 - Living together in a community
 - Why do people form governments

Phonics/Spelling

- **Week # 21:** Inflectional endings -s, -es
- **Test on Friday**

A list will be in your child's Homework Folder

Calendar

- Feb 16 (Fri): ½ day of school
- Feb 19 (Mon): No school
- March 2 (Fri): Progress reports sent home
- March 7 (Wed): ½ day of school

Parent Suggestions

- **Repeat reminder from last week:** Valentine's Day Party! Once again I will be taking care of everything. Snacks and drinks are already purchased. We will be doing a Valentine card exchange. Your child has a class list in their Red Homework Folder. We will be making Valentine bags for our cards in class, so please don't bring in boxes.
- Ms. B and Mrs. Marlatt are selling Valentine treat bags. The cost is \$3. Last day to purchase is Feb. 12th. Pink slips are available at school.