

2nd Grade Weekly Newsletter

January 14 - January 18

Math

- **Unit 4: Subtract 2-digit Numbers**
 - Using drawings to subtract 2-digit numbers
 - Deciding when to ungroup (break a ten)
 - Using the expanded method

Math Tip: Money Board Game

Please find time to play the math game sent home with your child this weekend. Use scraps of paper as the markers. Instructions are included on the back of the game. I have also included a recording sheet. We played this game in class this week.

What is Happening

- This was a short week! Hopefully, everyone had a wonderful extended holiday break. I certainly did.
- We have started 2-digit subtraction. We began the first day using manipulatives. The students transitioned very easily into using a proof drawing to solve problems. We are off to a great start!
- We read *Ladybugs* by Gail Gibbons during our read aloud this week. There are countless books by Gail Gibbons that are a wonderful high-interest resource for informational reading. This week we focused on the difference between labels and captions.

Reading

- **Nonfiction**
 - *Frogs* by Gail Gibbons
 - Learning about diagrams
- **Thinking deeper with profundity**
 - Lessons with literacy consultant Mrs. Frye

Literacy Tip: Sounding out Words

When your child is writing at home, encourage them to write the sounds he/she hears when spelling difficult words, instead of telling them how to spell the word. This supports what we are working on in phonics/spelling and will give them extra practice.

ELA

Grammar:

- ABC order review
- Nouns and verbs review
- Adjectives

Persuasion - Book Reviews

- **Continuing 1st draft**
 - Writing the 1st reason why we liked the book with evidence explaining why

Science/Social Studies

- **Science: Unit #3 Work of Water - Erosion and Earth's Surface**
 - **Mystery #1: If You Floated Down a River, Where Would You End Up?**

Phonics/Spelling

- R controlled vowels - ar

Calendar

- Jan 16 (Wed): ½ day of school; lunch will be served
- **Jan 18 (Fri): Dibels testing**
- **Jan 23 (Wed): ELA Early Benchmark Assessment**
- **Jan 24 (Thurs): Math Early Benchmark Assessment**
- Jan 25 (Fri): ½ day of school; lunch will be served
- Jan 31 (Thurs): PT Conferences 4:30 – 7:00
- Feb 1 (Fri): PT Conferences 12:30 – 3:00

Parent Suggestions

- Please have your child bring a sweatshirt to keep in his/her locker or book bag. Some days it is cold in the classroom. Wearing jackets is becoming a distraction. Thank you.
- Please note the testing dates in the calendar section (bold print). The Early Benchmark Assessment days will have testing sessions in the morning AND in the afternoon. It is very important your child is at school these days.