

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Weekly Newsletter

December 3 - December 7

## Math

- **Unit 3: Length and Shapes**
  - Draw and name shapes
  - Estimate and measure sides of a triangle
  - Understand 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional shapes and draw them
  - Quiz Wednesday
  - Measure using centimeters
  - Use a line plot graph to record data

### **Math Tip: Measuring**

Have your child measure things around the house with a ruler or tape measure. We have learned to make reasonable estimations. We also understand that we must start measuring at zero or our measurements will be incorrect.

## What is Happening

- We had an awesome moment during our read aloud time this week. The students made a TRIPLE connection between the last three books we read. I did not plan it. I just chose books that I liked. The students made the connections all on their own. It was such an amazing moment that I had to share with Mrs. Kievit. Ask your child if they can explain how *The Lorax*, *The Great Kapok Tree*, and *The Giving Tree* are alike. Also ask them how the message (theme) is similar in all three books.
- I bought each table group a very small Christmas tree to decorate next week. Students can also decorate their group tables. We have discussed this in class. They do not have to buy anything. Old, unused decorations that you are not using at home or homemade decorations work well.
- There is an assessment for our Matter Unit in the Friday Folder. The main focus of this was to talk about the kind of questions that were asked, not the content. It wasn't graded.

## Reading

- **Problem/Solution**
  - *Enemy Pie*
- **Five Finger Summary Review**
  - *Stellaluna*

### **Literacy Tip: Signposts**

We have learned 4 signposts: Contrast and Contradiction, Aha Moment, Words of the Wiser, and Again and Again. Signposts help readers think deeper about the characters and message or theme of the story. When reading with your child, see if he/she can find these signposts. Discuss what they mean and why the author put them in the story,

## ELA

**Grammar:** Capital letters and commas in a friendly letter

### **Writing a Friendly Letter**

- Peer editing and revising
- Writing a final

## Science/Social Studies

- **Unit 2: Where is my Community and What is it Like There?**
  - Exploring a map of Lewiston

## Phonics/Spelling

- Long vowel teams - e (finishing up)
- No weekly tests will be given

## Calendar

- Dec 12 (Wed): 1/2 day of school; lunch will be served
- Dec 19 (Wed): Christmas program @ 6:30 pm
- Dec 24 (Mon): Christmas break begins
- Jan 7 (Mon): Classes resume

## Parent Suggestions

- Unit 2 Math test is in the Friday Folder. It is scored by skill or standard. Please review it so you can see your child's strengths and weaknesses. Students not meeting standards will receive support during math intervention times.