



# Starling Second Grade Newsletter

January 10, 2014

## Notes from the teacher...

Dear Parents,

As a reminder, report cards came home today, January 10th. Please sign the back of the report card envelope and return it to school on Monday.☺

To help prepare students for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, beginning next week, homework will be sent home nightly, Monday through Thursday. Homework should be returned to school the following day.

Students will still be expected to read as part of their nightly homework routine:

Mondays- Reading Tuesdays-Word Work Wednesdays- Math  
Thursdays - Writing/Grammar.

Sincerely,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teachers

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## Mark Your Calendar

Jan. 14 – Skate Night 6:00pm

Jan. 16—PTA / Social Studies

and Literacy Night 6:30pm

Jan. 20—MLK JR. Day

No School

Jan. 23—Stevi B's Night

5:00pm

Jan. 31 – PTA Bingo Night

6:30pm

Feb. 2 – Groundhog Day

\*Check out [www.starlingpta.org](http://www.starlingpta.org)  
for more information

## What We're Learning Next

**Reading:** Our focus in reading will be looking at and comparing two texts on the same topic. We will examine things that are the same and different within the texts. We will also be discussing surface level and deep level comparisons.

AKS: compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic (CCGPS) (2LA.B.2012-18/ELACC2RI9)

**Writing:** In writing, students will write about and share their opinions. We will do many activities to encourage them to support their opinions with reasoning.

AKS: write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply reasons that support the opinion, use linking words (e.g. because, and, also) to connect opinion and reasons, and provide a concluding statement or section (CCGPS) (2LA.D.2012-22/ELACC2W1)

**Math:** Our unit of study will focus on measurement. Our class will be analyzing what a ruler is and how to use a ruler for measurement, including standard and metric units of measurement.

AKS: measure length by determining, selecting and using an appropriate tool (rulers, yardsticks, meter sticks, measuring tapes) and unit (in., ft., yd., cm, m) (CCGPS) (2MA.G.2012-18/MCC2.MD.1)

**Science:** We are excited to start exploring our universe! We will be learning all about the planets, stars, sun, and moon, including why the seasons change and how our shadows change during the day.

AKS: describe the universe as including the moon, sun, other stars, and planets (GPS) (2SC.B.2007-7); investigate the position of the sun and moon to show patterns throughout the year (GPS) (2SC.B.2007-8)

**Social Studies:** We will be learning about the lives and accomplishments of Georgia heroes: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Jackie Robinson, and Jimmy Carter.

AKS: read about and describe the lives of historical figures Martin Luther King Jr. and Jackie Robinson (GPS)(2SS.F.2008-28); read about and describe the life of Jimmy Carter (GPS) (2SS.02008-32)

**Word Work:** We will explore the -ore and -ue word patterns this week.

- ore more, shore, tore, store  
-- ue glue, blue, true, clue

## Attention

Please be sure to check and get your agenda signed nightly!

## Field Trip

We are planning a wonderful field trip experience to the World of Coca Cola for late April.

Information will be coming home early next week. Please be on the look- out for it.☺

## Accelerated Reader (AR) News

Students will be setting new AR goals for the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks. Ask your child about his or her goal. You can access his or her AR account from home to track progress made. Please see the STAR for details.