



Starling Second Grade Newsletter

January 17, 2014

Notes from the teacher...

Dear Parents,

In observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, there will be no school on Monday, January 20, 2014.

Our 100th day of school will be on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. Projects were sent home earlier this week with directions on completing them. All projects are due on that day! Please notify your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Please remember that we started a new homework routine. Below is the pattern for homework:

Mondays– Reading **Tuesdays**–Word Work **Wednesdays**– Math
Thursdays – Writing/Grammar. Since there will be no school on Monday, students will not be assigned additional homework.

Sincerely,
2nd Grade Teachers

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Mark Your Calendar

- Jan. 20—MLK JR. Day
No School
- Jan. 21 – 100th Day of School
- Jan. 23—Stevi B's Night
5:00pm
- Jan. 31 – PTA Bingo Night
6:30pm
- Feb. 2 – Groundhog Day
- Feb. 5 – After School Clubs
begin

*Check out www.starlingpta.org for more information

What We're Learning Next

Reading: Our focus in reading will be on characterization. Students will learn about the significance of characters in a text, challenges and events they encounter, in addition to analyzing the character's role within a text. AKS: Describe how characters in a story respond to major events and challenges (CCGPS) (2LA.A.2.012-3/ELACC2RL3)

Writing: In writing, students will continue to learn about persuasive writing. Students will learn to support their opinions about a topic by providing numerous reasons. 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.2.012-22/ELACC2W1)

Math: Our unit of study in math will focus on measurement. We have learned how to measure using a ruler, including measuring starting at various points on a ruler. We will review measuring in inches and feet, and begin measuring in yards. 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.2.012-18/MCC2.MD.1)

Science: We will continue to learn about the planets, stars, sun, and moon, including why the seasons change and how the Earth's rotation affects our shadows change during the day. AKS: describe the universe as including the moon, sun, other stars, and planets (GPS) (2SC.B.2.007-7); investigate the position of the sun and moon to show patterns throughout the year (GPS) (2SC.B.2.007-8)

Social Studies: We will continue with our unit of study about the lives and accomplishments of some Georgia historical figures: 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.2.008-28); read about and describe the life of Jimmy Carter (GPS) (2SS.G.2.008-32)

Word Work: We will learn the meanings of words in the -ore and -ue word patterns this week.

-ue: clue, avenue, due, argue

-ore: bored, adore, ignore, galore

Attention

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

Field Trip

We are still in the planning phase for our upcoming field trip in late April. Please be on the look-out for more information. ☺

Accelerated Reader (AR) News

Students have set new AR goals for the 3rd 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.