



Starling 2nd Grade Newsletter

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Notes from the Teacher...

Dear Parents,

Our winter class party is scheduled for December 20th from 9:45-10:45 am. Parents and guests will be required to sign in at the front office before coming to the classroom.

As a reminder, the end of the 2nd 9 weeks is Friday, December 20, 2013. Report cards will go home January 10, 2014.

Sincerely,
2nd Grade Teachers

What We're Learning Next



Reading: Students have been using context clues and their background knowledge to understand new vocabulary while reading. We will continue applying these skills as we work on making inferences (understanding details to figure out what the author is trying to tell the reader). AKS: determine the meanings of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area (CCGPS) (2LA.B2012-13/ELACC2RI4)

Writing: We will continue to explore how-to stories, using sequence words like first, next, and then. AKS: write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section (CCGPS) (2LA.D2012-23)

Math: Our class has been working on 2-digit subtraction using base 10 blocks to model our thinking. We will continue to build our understanding of subtraction with regrouping by applying this skill to problem solving. AKS: fluently add and subtract within 100 using strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between addition and subtraction. (CCGPS) (MCC.2.NBT.5)

Science: We will be finishing up our study of matter and physical and chemical changes. Our unit will include many hands on experiments as we learn the states of matter and its properties. AKS: investigate the properties of matter and changes that occur in objects (GPS) (2SC.G2007-10)

Social Studies: We learned many new things about the lives of the Creek Indians last week! We have completed our unit on the life of Native Georgians, including the Creek and Cherokee Native Americans and Sequoyah, the creator of the Cherokee alphabet. AKS: describe the cultural and geographic systems associated with Sequoyah and Georgia's Creeks and Cherokees (GPS) (2SS.E2008-26)

Word Work: We will be reviewing the word patterns from the 2nd 9 weeks



Students have set and are working toward their AR goals for the nine weeks. Ask your student about their goal. You can access their AR account from home to track their progress. Please see their STAR for details.

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 12 – Chorus Concert

Dec. 17 – PTA Holiday Shoppe

Dec. 19 – Stevi B's Night

Dec. 20- Winter party 9:45- 10:45 am

Dec. 23-Jan. 6 – Student holiday

Attention

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

If you are not signed up for the parent portal, please be sure to do so. The portal allows you to check your child's grades and progress at any time.

