



Starling 2nd Grade Newsletter

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Notes from the Teacher...

Dear Parents,

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

December 23– January 6 is a student holiday. Enjoy this time with your family!

Sincerely,
2nd Grade Teachers

What We're Learning Next



Reading: Our focus in reading will be looking at and comparing two texts on the same topic. We will look at things that are the same and different within the texts. AKS: compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic (CCGPS) (2LA.B.2.012-18/ELACG2RI9)

Writing: In writing, students will get a chance to 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.2.012-22/ELACG2WI)

Math: When we get back, our class will be looking at what a ruler is and how to use a ruler for 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.2.012-18/MCGC2.MD.1)

Science: We are excited to start exploring our universe! Our class 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.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: After the break, we will begin learning about the lives and accomplishments of Georgia heroes 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 explore the -ore and -ue word patterns this week.

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

Students will be setting new 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. 23-Jan. 6 – Student holiday

Jan. 7-- Beginning of third 9 weeks

Jan. 14 – Skate Night

Jan. 16—PTA Social Studies and Literacy Night

Jan. 20—MLK JR. Day No School

Jan. 23—Stevi B's Night



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.

