



Starling Second Grade Newsletter

February 28, 2014

Notes from the teacher...

Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending your child's conference this week. The students did a phenomenal job sharing their progress. I hope you were able to get a good idea of how well your child is progressing and areas that you can work on at home. If you were unable to attend the conference, please contact your child's teacher to schedule a time to meet.

Due to the inclement weather days, please note that school will be extended **30 minutes** each day starting March 3rd thru May 14th. Students will be dismissed at 3:15 PM, instead of 2:45 PM.

Dr. Seuss' birthday is March 2nd! We will be celebrating this amazing author and his contributions to children's literature. On Monday, March 3rd, students will be participating in many exciting activities throughout the day.

Sincerely,
2nd Grade Teachers

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Mark Your Calendar

Feb 28 – Mother/Son Bowling

March 2 – Dr. Seuss' Birthday

March 3 – May 14 – Students dismissed 30 minutes later

March 3 – After school tutoring resumes

March 7 – Hat Day \$1.00

March 8 – Outdoor classroom workday

March 11 – Skate Night

March 14 – School is in Session

*Check out

<http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/StarlingES/home.html> for more information

What We're Learning Next

Reading: Students will continue to learn about folktales and begin learning strategies to summarize a text. Students will learn to summarize using this acronym: **Somebody, Wanted, But, Then, SO**. This works best for fictional texts and highlights the main story elements. AKS: recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral (CCGPS) (2LA.A2012-2/ELAC2RL2)

Writing: Students will be learning to develop their style of writing. We will continue with our focus on developing the plot of a story. AKS: focus on a topic and strengthen writing as needed by revising and editing, with guidance and support from adults and peers (CCGPS) (2LA.D2012-2S/ELAC2WS)

Math: Students will continue learning the difference between AM and PM. **It is important for your child to understand that there are 12 hours in the AM and 12 hours in the PM.** Students will explore telling and writing time to the nearest five minutes. AKS: use analog and digital clocks to tell and write time to the nearest five minutes using AM and PM (CCGPS) (2MA.C2012-24/MCC2.MD.7)

Science: We will continue learning 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. We will also focus on the moon phases.

AKS: describe the universe as including the moon, sun, other stars, and planets (GPS) (2SC.B2007-7); investigate the position of the sun and moon to show patterns throughout the year (GPS) (2SC.B2007-8)

Social Studies: We will resume with our learning on Jimmy Carter after our science unit on space. AKS: read about and describe the lives of historical figures Martin Luther King Jr. and Jackie Robinson (GPS) (2SS.F2008-28); read about and describe the life of Jimmy Carter (GPS) (2SS.G2008-32).

Word Work: We will explore the – oot and – ought word patterns this week.

-oot: boot, scoot, hoot, root

-ought: fought, brought, sought, thought

Attention

Please be sure to check and sign the agenda signed nightly!

Field Trip

What: A field trip

Who: 2nd grade students

When: April 28, 2014

Where: World of Coca Cola

Why: To enrich our learning of Georgia

You may pay online through the Mealpay system.

Accelerated Reader (AR) News

Students are still working towards meeting their 3rd 9 weeks AR goals. **The quarter will end on March 13th.** You can access your child's AR account from home to track progress made. Please see the STAR for details.