



Starling Second Grade Newsletter

February 7, 2014

Notes from the teacher...

Dear Parents,

Parent Teacher conferences are right around the corner. Information on how to sign up will be sent by your child's teacher in the upcoming weeks. Parents will be asked to sign up online for conferences. If you do not have access to the internet, please inform your child's teacher.

Don't forget that you can now pay online for our field trip to the World of Coca Cola in Atlanta, Georgia on April 28, 2014. We are also accepting payments in cash or check. If you are paying by check, please make the check out to Starling Elementary School.

As a reminder, below is the pattern for homework:

Mondays– Reading **Tuesdays**–Word Work **Wednesdays**– Math
Thursdays – Writing/Grammar. As part of the nightly homework routine, students are also expected to read each night. Please sign the reading log or reader's response sheet.

Sincerely,
2nd Grade Teachers

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Mark Your Calendar



- Feb. 7 – PTA Bingo /Trivia Night 6:30pm
- Feb. 11 – Skate Night 6:00pm
- Feb. 12 – Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb. 13- PTA Volunteer Breakfast (invitation only)
- Feb. 14- Valentine's Day – let's share some love
- Feb 22- Father/Daughter Dance
- Feb. 26 & 27- Early Release Days- students are dismissed at 12:50pm

*Check out www.starlingpta.org

What We're Learning Next

Reading: The next few weeks, students will be learning about the characteristics of fables and folktales. Students will identify the morals in fables and compare different versions of folktales. AKS: recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral (CCGPS) (2LA.A.2012-2/ELACG2RL2)

Writing: Students will be publishing a persuasive writing essay and begin learning about the craft of writing. Students will begin to learn ways of making their writing more appealing. 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/ELACG2W1)

Math: We are learning to problem solve in measurement. Students will learn to solve multi-step word problems and word problems with converting inches into feet, feet into yards, and centimeters into meters. AKS: solve word problems using addition and subtraction within 100 involving lengths of like units by using drawings (such as drawings of rulers) and equations with a symbol for the unknown number to represent the problem (CCGPS) (2MA.G.2012-22/MCC2.MD.S)

Science: We will begin 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. 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 have completed our unit on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Jackie Robinson. We will resume with our learning on Jimmy Carter after our science unit on the space. 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.G.2008-32).

Word Work: We will explore the – ie and – ure word patterns this week.

- ie (long i sound):** pie, tie, lie, cries
- ure:** pure, cure, sure, future, lure

Attention

Please be sure to check and get your 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

Accelerated Reader (AR) News

Please encourage your child to read each night. Students are working towards meeting their 3rd 9 weeks AR goals. **The deadline is March 7th.** You can access your child's AR account from home to track progress made. Please see the STAR for details.