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## Starling Second Grade Newsletter

March 14, 2014

### Notes from the teacher...

Dear Parents,

We are in the final quarter of this school year. I cannot believe the school year is almost over! Testing will soon begin. Even though second graders will not be participating in the CRCT, we will be conducting grade level assessments and post – tests. Please encourage your child to do his or her very best each day, both behaviorally and academically.

**Please note that the deadline is approaching for field trip payment. All payments are due by March 28, 2014. We cannot wait to explore the World of Coca Cola. Please email your child's teacher if you have any questions. Please note that if we do not collect enough funds to support this trip, the trip will be cancelled.**

The deadline date for ordering the yearbook online is March 31st. The price is \$30.00. After the 31st of the month, extra yearbooks can ONLY be purchased by cash/ check for \$32.00.

Attached is the link to the Jostens site for placing an order: [http://www.jostens.com/apps/shop/yrbk\\_catalog.asp?CID=275722&PFID=20130720041537017100](http://www.jostens.com/apps/shop/yrbk_catalog.asp?CID=275722&PFID=20130720041537017100)

Sincerely,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teachers

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### Mark Your Calendar

- March 3 – May 14 – Students dismissed 30 minutes later
  - March 17 – St. Patrick's Day
  - March 20 – Art Show and Tech Night at 6PM
  - March 21- Report card comes home
  - March 27 – AR celebration for students who met or exceeded their goal.
  - March 28 – Field trip payment due  
Hat Day \$1.00
  - April 1 – Skate Night
  - April 3 – Spring Pictures
  - April 7 – 11 – Spring Break
- \*Check out  
<http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/StarlingES/home.html> for more information

### What We're Learning Next

**Reading:** Students will learn about the various literary devices used in poetry and the various kinds of poems. Later in the quarter, students will begin writing original Cinquain, Haiku, List poems, etc. AKS describe how words and phrases (e.g., regular beats, alliteration, rhymes, repeated lines) supply rhythm and meaning in a story, poem, or song (CCGPS) (2LA.A2012-4/ELACC2RL4)

**Writing:** Our focus will be on writing friendly letters to favorite Disney characters. Students will work through the writing process to create letters. Students will also identify characteristics of a friendly letter in the process. AKS: participate in shared research and writing projects (CCGPS) (2LA.D2012-27/ELACC2W7)

**Math:** Our unit of study will focus on geometry. Students will recognize and demonstrate their understanding of shapes having specified attributes, such as angles, faces, etc. AKS: recognize and draw shapes having specified attributes, such as a given number of angles or a given number of equal faces and identify triangles, quadrilaterals, pentagons, hexagons, and cubes (CCGPS) (2MA.D2012-29/MCC2.G.1)

**Science:** Students will identify sources of light, heat, and motion energy. They will also demonstrate an understanding of how things move. AKS: identify sources of energy and how energy is used (GPS) (2SC.C2007-11). AKS: demonstrate changes in speed and direction using pushes and pulls (GPS) (2SC.C2007-12)

**Social Studies:** Our focus will be on Georgia. Students will learn about Georgia's capital, state bird, regions and rivers, and state symbols. AKS: identify and name characteristics specific to Georgia (GPS) (2SS.G2008-38)

**Word Work:** We will begin learning about Latin and Greek roots. We will focus on the base port and the prefix re. Students will be assessed on Latin and Greek roots mid and end of quarter.

- port: transport, import, export, report, carport, airport
- re: recycle, relearn, retell, rewrite, rehear, recopy

### Attention

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

### Field Trip

What: A field trip  
Who: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 have worked really hard to reach their 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks AR goals. We will begin setting new AR goals for the fourth quarter. You can access your child's AR account from home to track progress made. Please see the STAR for details.