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Starling Second Grade Newsletter

March 7, 2014

Notes from the teacher...

Dear Parents,

Daylight Saving Time is here! Please do not forget to set your time one hour ahead on Saturday night before going to bed.

We had an amazing time celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday on Monday. Students participated in numerous language arts activities. We read many different stories by Dr. Seuss, and did activities with Dr. Seuss words. This was the highlight of the day!

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/vrbk_catalog.asp?CID=275722&PFID=20130720041537017100

Sincerely,
2nd Grade Teachers

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Mark Your Calendar

March 3 – May 14 – Students dismissed 30 minutes later

March 8 – Outdoor classroom workday

March 11 – Skate Night 6-9PM

March 13 – End of 3rd 9 weeks

March 14 – School is in Session

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

March 20 – Art Show and Tech Night at 6PM

March 21- Report card comes home

March 28 – Field trip payment due

*Check out

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

What We're Learning Next

Reading: Students will learn summarizing strategies for fiction and nonfiction (informational) texts. 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/ELACC2RL2)

Writing: Our focus has been on developing our writing. Students will continue to improve their style of writing by enhancing the characters, setting, and plot. 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/ELACC2WS)

Math: We will review telling time to the nearest five minutes and explore problem solving. Students are practicing telling time using these vocabulary words: **half past, quarter after, quarter past, quarter till**. Please practice using these words when telling time. **Time Assessment on Friday, March 14th**. AKS: use analog and digital clocks to tell and write time to the nearest five minutes using AM and PM (CCGPS) (2MA.G2012-24/MCC2.MD.7)

Science: We will continue our unit on Space. We will also focus on the moon phases. Please assist in donating a pack of Double Stuffed Oreo cookies by Tuesday, March 11th. We will be using these to explore the phases of the moon.

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 have completed our learning on Jimmy Carter, Martin Luther King Jr., and Jackie Robinson. We will be learning about Georgia symbols and economics following 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 continue to explore the – oot and – ough word patterns this week. We will focus on vocabulary. The assessment will be Friday, March 14th.

– oot: cahoots, snooty, hoot, loot

– ough: forethought, ough, sought, afterthought

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.