



# FEBRUARY NEWS

## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHER:

Dear Parents,

Can you believe February is already here? Wow, this school year is flying by! Please see the list of students in our classroom so your child can make a Valentine for each of his/her classmates. Students will decorate a bag to collect their Valentine Cards. We will enjoy a light snack during our valentine exchange; however, this is for students only. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teachers

## EVENTS

### Mark Your Calendars...

Feb. 6 Class Pictures (forms already sent home)

Feb. 10-14 Book Fair Week

We look forward to this month of friendship as we celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14<sup>th</sup> with a Valentine exchange and snack.

Winter Break is scheduled for Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be NO school on these days. Enjoy your break!

## REMINDERS



Don't forget to have your child bring something to hold their Valentines and make sure they bring Valentines cards to pass out. Please have them fill them out at home.



## LEARNING FOCUS

**Reading:** We will learn different ways to show our understanding about fiction books using story maps, character webs, and summarizing strategies. The main strategies we will focus on will be discussing setting of stories and inferring. Guided reading groups will continue.

**Math:** We are finishing unit 4 and moving on to Unit 5 which focuses on understanding place value up to 1,000. This includes being able to recognize numbers in standard form, Base 10 block form, word form, and expanded form. We will also be solving story problems involving money. Math homework offers a tiny glimpse of what we are doing in class. Basic facts should still be practiced at home with flashcards or online games through Clever if your child is still struggling with those.

**Phonics:** We will be learning about how to read and spell with diphthongs oi and oy and trigraphs -tch and -dge. At the end of the month, we'll work on some more suffixes. Remember, our phonics assessments have changed and there is a reading component in addition to the spelling component. This should improve overall scores for struggling spellers.

**Writing:** This month in Writing we will begin focusing on our Informational Unit. We will learn to research a chosen topic, find important facts and write an informational piece about our topic. We will continue to use prior knowledge of sentence structure and parts of speech to improve our writing.

