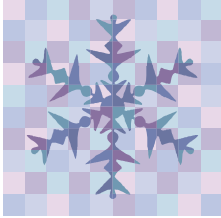


News from 2L - February



February is here and we are half way through winter and the school year. Our IALAC theme this month is KINDNESS. Second grade has a bulletin board set up in the hallway where we will be recognizing "Random Acts of Kindness" displayed by all the second graders. Please make sure you reinforce the theme of "kindness" at home and thank you for all your kindness to the students in 2L.



Readers Workshop: We will be focusing on "Questioning to Understand" as we read this month. This entails asking questions and looking for answers, before we read, as we read, and after we read. Questions such as, "I wonder...", "I was confused when...", "How could that be?", "Why do you think?", "Who...What...Where...When..."

Language Arts: We are learning how to write our lowercase letters in cursive. We have completed our packet on the "clock climbers" letters a, d, g, q, and c. Please continue to practice these letters at home. We are continuing to work on sentence structure and punctuation.



Writers Workshop: The focus this month is using author's styles of writing in their own writing. For instance, how to use more dialogue in their writing, showing, not telling, what is going on, so someone reading their story understands what happened, sentence fluency, and using a good beginning, middle, and end to their story.

Math: We are concentrating on regrouping with subtraction with two, and three numbers. Please continue to practice subtraction math facts daily with your child. Check out this web site http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/topic_t_1.html

Foundations: Please continue to reinforce Foundations' dictation and activities in the weekly homework packets. Daily practice of spelling and saying the "trick words" will be helpful in reading and writing. Make sure to check your child's work.

Science: We will be studying the continent of Africa. We will be learning about the types of climate, animal habitats, and different land forms in Africa. If you have any artifacts from Africa or information to share please let me know.

Social Studies: We will be studying the continent of Africa. We will be learning about the geography, people, and customs of Africa. Mrs. Rutledge will also continue to teach our students Junior Achievement during this month.



Valentine Snack: We will be having a valentine snack on Fri., February 12th. At this time we will also exchange valentines with each other. Please make sure that you give a valentine to each child in the class. A class list is attached. No volunteers are needed for the valentine snack. Room moms will be providing plates, napkins, cups, and cutlery. A valentine snack will be provided on this day.



Reminders:

February Vacation: Feb. 15-19 NO SCHOOL