

SECOND GRADE

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Here's what we are doing in second grade....☺

Language Arts:

Classes are working on story elements in a narrative text. Students are looking for the characters, setting, problem, solution and events. We are still working on writing a complete answer to a question.

Word Study:

Next week, classes will be working on different ways to make the long a sound (ay, ai, a-e words).

Writing:

Classes will review parts of a letter next week so that we can write our December pen pal letter.



Math:

Classes have been working on addition with and without regrouping. We have used tens and ones blocks and pictures to help us better understand what we are doing. Next week we will work on money. We will work on identifying and counting coins.



Grammar:

We will learn about nouns next week.

Social Studies:

Classes are working on American symbols. We are reading little books and finding answers to questions.



Important dates:

Wednesday, December 23rd- Polar Express Day. Wear PJs to school.

Thursday, December 24th- Friday, January, 1st- No school for Winter Break



Polar Express Day:

On Wednesday, December 23rd, MES and MPS are having Polar Express Day.

In second grade we will be reading the book, talking about the events, comparing the book to the movie and watching the movie. We will have a treat while we enjoy the movie.

Students may wear pajamas to school. **Please send in sneakers for PE and/or outdoor recess.**

Next Week's Highlights:

Monday-Friday

Students will work on:

Language Arts: reading Narrative texts

Math: counting money

Grammar: nouns

Word Study: ai, ay, a-e words

Social Studies: American symbols

Reminder to Students:

- Continue to read and record Book-It minutes over the break.



Note to Parents:

Thank you all very much for the cardboard circles for the wreaths.



Our emails: *(Please note you must spell the name correctly or the email will not go through.)*

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Two projects next week:

Wreaths- Students will be making wreaths out of the cardboard circles and macaroni.

Gingerbread houses- Students will be earning coins all week. On Monday, December 21st they will use their coins to "purchase" supplies for making the houses. It is a "real life" experience because students will need to count coins, pay for items and make financial decisions. We will also be taking a picture of each person with his/her house so that we can send a copy of the picture when we write to our pen pals the week after (*Our December letter*).

Thank You:

- Huge thanks to everyone for sharing your children with us. We are very excited to get to know all of them.