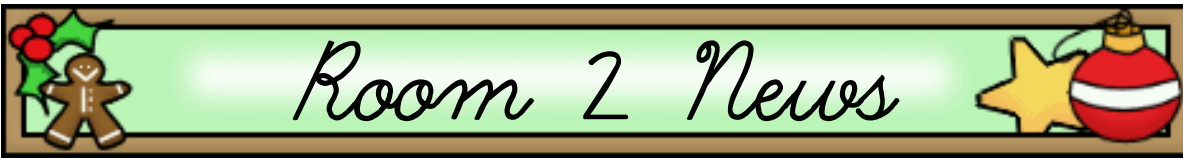


# Room 2 News



December 12-16, 2011

## Important Reminders

- Winter Break - December 17 through January 2 - School resumes January 3
- December Reading Calendar due Wednesday, January 4
- Continue to encourage your child to read and study the multiplication facts nightly.
- Library books are due every other Wednesday.
- Check out [www.missrosenthal.com](http://www.missrosenthal.com) for class updates.

Reading - We continued reading Because of Winn Dixie. Students read chapters 9-14 and completed a trifold brochure with questions about the story. They took a short quiz on the novel covering chapters 8-13. Students may reread the chapters at home using the book or online, but please do not read ahead. Students also read a Scholastic News.

Writing - We continued practicing grammar by correcting sentences for correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. We wrote the final copy of our persuasive essays. They are hanging in the hall, so come check them out. Students graded their journals and wrote a letter about what he/she is doing well and what he/she can improve on when writing future journal entries. Encourage your child to keep a diary or journal about what he/she does over Christmas break.

Math - We continued unit 4 by learning about the thousandths place value and the metric system of measurement. Encourage your child to read decimals aloud to you, as this skill will be on the unit 4 test, which will be on Thursday, January 5. Remind your student to practice addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts over break. They can even play math games using the links from [www.missrosenthal.com](http://www.missrosenthal.com).

Social Studies - Mrs. Waffenschmidt traveled to the Matterhorn in Switzerland and the Rock of Gibraltar along the Mediterranean Sea this week. Be sure to check out the Little Passports link on [www.missrosenthal.com](http://www.missrosenthal.com) for some awesome global games. There are also fun games on the Time for Kids link. We had an awesome time during our holiday party. We hope you enjoy the gifts we made for you!

Science - We continued our second science unit this week, which is about energy transfer. Students learned about heat energy and electrical energy. They began to explore how to make a light bulb light by constructing a circuit. Students will keep notes in their science folder.

International Baccalaureate - We continued learning about the Learner Profile attribute caring this week, since it is closely related to the holiday season. Students made the caring quilt by writing about how he/she will be or was caring this holiday season.

## IB Learner Profile

### CARING

They show empathy, compassion and respect towards the needs and feelings of others. They have a personal commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment.

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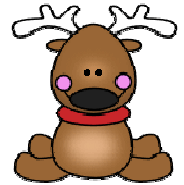
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## Spelling Words

Merry  
Christmas  
and Happy  
New Year!



No spelling pretest  
after break!

Words will be  
handed out on  
Tuesday and the  
test will be on  
Friday.

