

Room 2 News

December 5-9, 2011

Important Reminders

- Classroom Christmas party is on Thursday, December 15. If you were asked to bring in a food item for the party and cannot, please let me know ASAP. We are asking that parents do not attend the party since it is when we are making presents for you. However, you are more than welcome to come to the school wide Sing-A-Long that same day at 2:30pm in the cafeteria.
- If your child will be absent December 14, 15, or 16, please let me know ASAP.
- 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 for class updates.

Reading - We continued reading Because of Winn Dixie. Students read chapters 5-8 and completed a trifold brochure with questions about the story. They took a short quiz on the novel covering chapters 1-7. Students may reread the chapters at home using the book or online, but please do not read ahead. Students also took a fiction story test.

Writing - Students took a DOL test on Friday. We continued our unit on persuasive essays. Each student picked their own topic that they wanted to write about for their persuasive essay. Then he/she wrote the thesis paragraph, evidence paragraphs, and closing paragraph. Next week, each student will write the final copy. They will be hanging in the hall at the end of next week, so come check them out.

Math - We continued unit 4, which is about decimals and their uses. Students learned how to estimate with decimals, how to add and subtract decimals, and how decimals are used in money. We also played a few math games using decimal cards. Encourage your child to read decimals aloud to you, as this skill will be on the unit 4 test. I plan on giving the unit 4 test the week we come back after winter break. Remind your student to practice addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts every night, since we will be having timed quizzes periodically. Please refer to the Study Link Family Letter for questions regarding the homework. All math homework is due the following day and it checked in class together.

Science - We continued our second science unit this week, which is about energy transfer. Students used a compass to determine which way is north and took a quiz on magnets. We began learning about heat energy by demonstrating how adding energy can increase temperature and describing how heat is produced through rubbing, burning, and electricity. Students will keep notes in their science folder.

International Baccalaureate - We began learning about the Learner Profile attribute caring this week, since it is closely related to the holiday season. After reading books about caring, students discussed what it means, wrote synonyms and antonyms of caring, and wrote about how he/she will be or was caring this holiday season. Last week we discussed that listening is just as important as communicating during our 4th grade IB meeting with Mrs. Hannant.

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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Spelling Words

Merry
Christmas!
No spelling
next week!

