



Room 2 News

January 16-20, 2012

Important Reminders

- Wear red on Monday, January 23 for Chinese New Year.
- Valentine's Party note was sent home today in your child's Friday Folder. The last eight students alphabetically were asked to bring in something for our ice cream party. We do need a few parents to help scoop ice cream. If you are interested, let me know ASAP. Please read the note for more information about Valentine cards and containers. :)
- January Reading Calendar due Tuesday, January 31. Be sure to look at the new grading scale on the back.
- Continue to encourage your child to read & study the multiplication facts nightly.
- Library books are due every other Wednesday.
- Check out www.missrosenthal.com for class updates and our calendar.

Reading - We finished reading Because of Winn Dixie. The test on the entire book will be Thursday, January 26. Students also read a Scholastic News and took a nonfiction reading test about bats.

Writing - On Tuesday, we discussed Martin Luther King, Jr. and the students wrote a wish for the world while also connecting him with an IB Learner Profile or Attitude word. Ask your child about "Happy Notes" that we wrote to each other for Valentine's Day. We continued practicing grammar by correcting sentences for correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. The DOL test will be on Friday, January 27. Students also wrote in their journals by picking an idea from a fish bowl.

Math - We continued learning how to multiply multi-digit numbers. We practiced the partial products and traditional methods of multiplication this week. Remind your student to practice multiplication facts each night as this is the foundation for the rest of 4th grade math.

Social Studies - Mrs. Waffenschmidt traveled to the Sahara Desert in Northern Africa this week. Students identified the Great Lakes and completed a traveling activity sheet. We also pretended to travel from continent to continent, reviewed the hemispheres, and took a short quiz.

Unit of Inquiry - We began our second unit of inquiry this week, which is titled "What is the World Are You?" The unit focuses on the idea that the survival of living organisms depends on adaptations and how we protect the environment. This week we explored the inquiry question, What basic needs/requirements do living organisms need to survive? Students learned about the five traits of a habitat. Your child should be teaching you their science notes or what we did in class each night so that he/she is prepared for pop quizzes throughout the unit.

*Learner Profile
& Attitude Words*

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU?
Inquirer, Thinker,
Appreciation, Curiosity, Respect

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*Spelling
Words*

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Test 1-27-12

Unit 15

perhaps
rest
English
mean
shown
knot
wring
lamb
knee
written
though
knock
known
comb
wrong
limb
knife
honest
often
island
answer
echo
listen
doubt
calm