



# Room 2 News



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### Important Reminders

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR

- January Reading Calendar due Tuesday, January 31
- Continue to encourage your child to read & study the multiplication facts nightly.
- Library books are due every other Wednesday.
- Check out [www.missrosenthal.com](http://www.missrosenthal.com) for class updates and our calendar.

Reading - We continued reading Because of Winn Dixie. Students read chapters 15-19 and completed a trifold brochure with questions about the story. Students may reread the chapters at home using the book or online, but please do not read ahead. Students also read a Scholastic News and took a nonfiction reading test about life in the desert.

Writing - We continued practicing grammar by correcting sentences for correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. Students also wrote in their journals. They reflected on 2011 and made cute posters that are hanging in the hall.

Math - We finished unit 4 by learning about how to measure in millimeters. We reviewed on Wednesday and took the unit 4 test on Thursday. Students played Baseball Multiplication, Decimal Top-It, and Multiplication Top-It on Friday. Encourage your child to continue reading decimals aloud to you, as this skill will show up on future tests. Remind your student to practice addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts each night. We played math games using the links from [www.missrosenthal.com](http://www.missrosenthal.com). We will begin unit 5 next week which begins our learning about double digit multiplication.

Social Studies - Mrs. Waffenschmidt traveled to the Panama Canal this week. We also pretended to travel from continent to continent and reviewed the hemispheres.

Science - We continued our second science unit this week, which is about energy transfer. Students learned how to make a light bulb light and about electrical circuits. The science test will be on Friday, January 13. Students will keep notes in their science folder and a short study guide will be put in that folder a few days prior to the test. Remember that your child should be reviewing the science notes every night.

International Baccalaureate - We learned about the IB Attitude commitment this week. Students made the commitment quilt and wrote about things in school and at home where they show commitment. Check out the quilts in the hall!

### Spelling Words

Pretest 1-9-12

Test 1-13-12

Unit 14

ran  
special  
able  
feel  
certain  
laugh  
meant  
breakfast  
sweater  
bread  
spread  
already  
ready  
death  
instead  
heavy  
ahead  
build  
built  
flood  
enough  
rough  
touch  
tough  
young

### IB

#### COMMITMENT

Being committed to their learning, preserving and showing self-discipline and responsibility

### Attitude