

Room 2 News

January 9-13, 2012

Important

Reminders

- Book Order Due - Wednesday, January 18
- 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 continued reading Because of Winn Dixie. Students read chapters 20-24 and completed a trifold brochure with questions about the story. They also took a comprehension quiz on chapters 14-20. 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 fiction reading test about a snow adventure.

Writing - We continued practicing grammar by correcting sentences for correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. The DOL test will be the week of January 23. Students also wrote in their journals.

Math - We began unit 5, which is about big numbers, estimation, and computation. Students learned how to extend multiplication facts to multiply by multiples of ten, estimate sums, and estimate products. We also began learning how to multiply 2- and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number using the partial products method of multiplication. I will teach the students three different methods of multiplication and they can decide which is best for them. We also reviewed multiplication and factors on Thursday. Remind your student to practice addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts each night.

Social Studies - Mrs. Waffenschmidt traveled to the Copenhagen, Denmark this week and saw "The Little Mermaid" statue. We also pretended to travel from continent to continent, reviewed the hemispheres, and took a short quiz.

Science - We finished our second science unit this week, which was about energy transfer. Students learned about insulators and conductors and how to use them within electrical circuits. We played Jeopardy, watched an electricity video, and took the test on Friday.

International Baccalaureate - We learned about the IB Learner Profile attribute inquirer this week. Students made the inquirer quilt and wrote about what he/she inquires about and why. Check out the quilts in the hall! We will begin our next unit of inquiry next week, which is closely tied to inquiring about animals.

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Spelling Words

NO SPELLING
NEXT WEEK



IB

Learner
Profile

INQUIRER

They develop their natural curiosity. They acquire the skills necessary to conduct inquiry and research and show independence in learning. They actively enjoy learning and this love of learning will be sustained throughout their lives.