



2nd Grade Newsletter December

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Hello second grade parents!

We would like to remind all parents that students should have a pair of gym shoes at school. If they wear gym shoes every day, they still need an extra pair of shoes at school. Kids forget shoes when they are wearing boots. They can use the extra pair of shoes for the day instead of calling home for shoes. Thank you for helping us with this.

Reading

Reading Mastery 2

Keep re-reading the day's story alongside your child. They should be using their finger to point to the word they are reading. Thank you all for signing bookmarks each night. My goal is to lead them towards a love of reading.

Homework:

When they have a rule: All boys love rice.

Allen is a boy so the answer is "*Allen loves rice*"

Susan is a girl so the answer is "*nothing*".

Reading Mastery 3

We are reading a wonderful story filled with solar system facts!

Students have been encouraged to use the back of their reading bookmark to jot down important facts.

This creates a quick, accessible resource when they need a refresher.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to reading with your child and signing their bookmark each evening.

Spelling

Please remember to practice new and review old spelling words. Spelling is cumulative.

Literature

In December we will be reading "A Christmas Carol" and "The Night Before Christmas".

Our sayings for the month are Turn Over A New Leaf and Get A Taste of Your Own Medicine. Both of our sayings this month are brought to life in the book A Christmas Carol.

History

In History, we have finished our unit on the War of 1812. The students enjoyed learning the many exciting stories from that time in history. This month the students will be learning about Westward Expansion. Lessons will cover the Native American removal during the Trail of Tears, the Oregon Trail and the Pony Express. Our month will end with the children learning about the origins of the Transcontinental Railroad.



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Math

Saxon 2

We're working hard on mastering counting and number patterns. For practice at home, please check that your child is able to count:

- Forward and backward by 5s to 60
- Forward by 10s up to 300
- Evens to 40 and odds to 41

Your support in having your child show you these skills is very helpful!

A friendly reminder: Time questions can be tricky! When helping with homework, focusing extra time on any problematic time concepts will make a big difference.

Thank you for all you do, especially for practicing math facts! I appreciate our strong collaborative partnership.



Spanish

This month, children will review parts of a house and basic furniture. Students will review family, colors, and numbers.

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Math Continued

Saxon 3

Students should know how to count by 3's to 30, 7's to 70, and 12's to 120. Before the end of the month, they should be able to count by 4's to 40. You can begin working on their multiplication facts (x0, x1, x7 and x10). Starting Written Assessment 10 we will begin to have two fact tests - one will have 25 problems and one will have 100. If your child did not reach 25/100 on a fact assessment, keep practicing those facts until your child knows the facts with automaticity. They can practice their count by's quickly in the car on the way home or to school. It is a quick way to practice. Everyone needs to practice time. We are working on time to the 5 minute increments. If your child struggles with time, please practice with them each night until it becomes easier for them. Talk about the hour and minute hand, elapsed time and time in the future.

Science

We will be learning about human cells and digestion.