

2ND GRADE NEWSLETTER

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Notes for Parents

Happy New Year! We are excited to see the children refreshed after their winter break. As we prepare to venture into the second semester of school (yikes!) please check with your child about the following items. Make sure to replenish any desk supplies that have been used up or are in bad condition. This includes glue sticks, colored pencils, erasers and regular pencils.

In this boot season it is so important for your child to have an extra pair of shoes at school at all times. Frequently, children forget their shoes at home while wearing boots. School shoes assure that they don't have to call home for shoes. The school rule is they can't wear boots for the day at school. Please help your child by sending in a pair of extra shoes they can leave here. Our building floors and teachers thank you!

Reading

Reading Mastery 2 – Keep practicing with your child every night. I am pleased with how the children are doing! Please check the corrected homework with your son and daughter so that they can learn from previous errors. As you can see, questions come back and repeat quite a bit, so if they are struggling with a concept please help them. Thank you.

Reading Mastery 3 – I am continually impressed with the reading ability and comprehension skills the children are developing. We will continue to work on reading fluency and comprehension. At the start of the second semester, the children will begin writing one complete-sentence answer for a textbook question. We will start by completing this question together and gradually move to students completing it on their own.

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Math

Saxon 2 Math – The new concept coming up in math is subtraction. You may also notice that the math fact practice sheets have gotten longer, from 25 problems to 100. With this increase, students now have 5 minutes to complete them. Thank you for all the extra work at home, checking the facts. If you notice your child is having trouble with a concept, please give them additional practice at home with problems you make up. Mathfactcafe.com is an online problem generator you may find helpful.

Saxon Math 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 ($\times 0$, $\times 1$, $\times 7$ and $\times 10$). If your child did not reach 25 on a fact assessment, keep practicing those facts until your child knows the facts without counting. Check your child's returned work and help them learn from any errors

Literature

Literature – In January, we will study Tall Tales. We will read about Paul Bunyan, Johnny Appleseed, Pecos Bill, John Henry and Casey Jones. The children will be writing their own tall tales. Our poems for the month are Harriet Tubman, and Something Told the Wild Geese. Our sayings this month are "Where There's a Will, There's a Way," and "Eaten out of House and Home."

History/Geography

History/Geography – In January, we will be learning about the Civil War. The children will learn about what life was like in the North and South and some background that led up to the war. They will learn about slavery and Harriet Tubman. We will be studying Abraham Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation. They will also learn about Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant. The geography of the north and south will be discussed during the history lessons this month.



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Science

This month we will be studying Exploring Land and Water

Spanish

We will discuss our daily routines including reflexive verbs. We will practice vocabulary related to hygiene and will review places in the house.