

JANUARY 27, 2014

Ms. Cairo's Second Grade Newsletter



Lots of Updates!

Stay Connected!

Please note the chores calendar for towel washing as well as Coby's take home schedule on the classroom website.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns ☺

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This newsletter has lots of important information and updates for the next week. Please read carefully as there are lots of requests!

Please remember to sign up for a weekend with Coby (you may email myself or Brandy Witte) and we will add you to the Google calendar. He's been lonely over the weekend recently!

Thank you to everyone who has donated pencils, glue sticks, and cap erasers!! We are so thankful! Please continue to send in more of these items if possible ☺

Save the Date!

Early Release

1/28/15

Please make arrangements to pick your child up at 1:45.

SAC Meeting

1/27/15

Meeting at SCCS.
Location TBD.

100th Day of School

Next Monday, February 2nd, is the 100th day of school! We will be celebrating in a number of ways. I am giving the children the option of dressing up like they are 100 years old OR making a t-shirt to wear with 100 things on it (100 googly eyes, buttons, etc). Your child does not have to participate in either of these; the choice is his/hers!!

We will also be making 100th day snack packs. I am asking that everyone donate an item to contribute to the snack packs (similar to trail mix). Please look for a request with a specific item in your child's lunchbox on Thursday. I will also post a master list on the website at that time. If you are unable to donate, please let me know by FRIDAY, January 30th, so I can make arrangements to purchase any remaining items.

Spring Garden

Spring is just around the corner and it is time we start planning for our spring garden! Please send in empty egg cartons (any size, shape, color, or material) so we can plant seeds and observe their growth in the classroom.

Volunteers

Please let me know VIA email if you are interested in being a lunch volunteer! The children love having their family members come and read (or just sit) with the class during lunch! Volunteers are needed Tuesday-Friday.

As the children continue to learn respectful behaviors during our specialty classes, I would like to request a parent volunteer to sit in during our American Sign Language class on Friday afternoons from 1:45-2:25. I believe the children would benefit from an adult modeling respectful behaviors during this class and I am unfortunately unable to remain in the classroom during this time.

Sketchbooks

I would like to request that all students send in another sketchbook for the remainder of the school year. This would be used as their math main lesson book. Please send this in as soon as possible. The books need to be 8.5x11, spiral-bound, and can be purchased at Target, JoAnns, Michaels, Hobby Lobby, etc. I personally recommend the Strathmore brand. Please let me know if you are unable to purchase this item at this time!

What We're Learning

January 26th-30th, 2015

Read Aloud: Dear Mrs. LaRue, A Bad Case of the Stripes, The Wise Enchanter, various Native American stories

Literacy Skills: sequencing, retelling, making connections, clarifying ideas, making inferences, predicting

Vocabulary: melodramatic, misconception, neglected, obedience, despair, persistent

Sight Words: both, does, five, green, off

Writing: small moment writing, reflective writing, responses to text

Phonics: Vowel sounds; a, e, i, o, u, y; c, k, ck, ee, ai, ay, g, oo, ea

Math: calendar skills; skip counting 2, 3, 5, 10; addition and subtraction strategies and fluency, addition and subtraction with regrouping, fact families, story problems

Science: Earth systems (weather, changes and

interactions among water, air, and land)

Poetry

Snowflakes

While we were sleeping through the night, snowflakes are falling soft and white.

Floating down with never a sound, silently covering all the ground. Robin comes with his scarlet breast, calling sweetly "wake and see".

We all get up and quickly dress, out to the garden rush with glee. With sparkling eyes and cheeks a glow, we romp and shout "hooray for snow."
-H. Henley

