

# WEEKLY NEWS

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## Dates at a Glance:

12/17 Hanukkah  
presentation in Rm 26

12/20 Pajama + Stuffed  
Animal Day, 2nd Gr  
Song, and Room 26  
Winter Performance in  
the auditorium  
1:30-1:50 Class Party  
2:00-2:45, parents  
invited.

## Upcoming Birthdays:

Ms. Boyesen - Dec. 14

Holden - Dec. 17

## Homeplay:

Math game: fact fluency

Spelling: Long /e/

Daily Reading + Seesaw  
Challenge (due Tues.  
next week)



## Snowy Neighborhood “Maker” Art

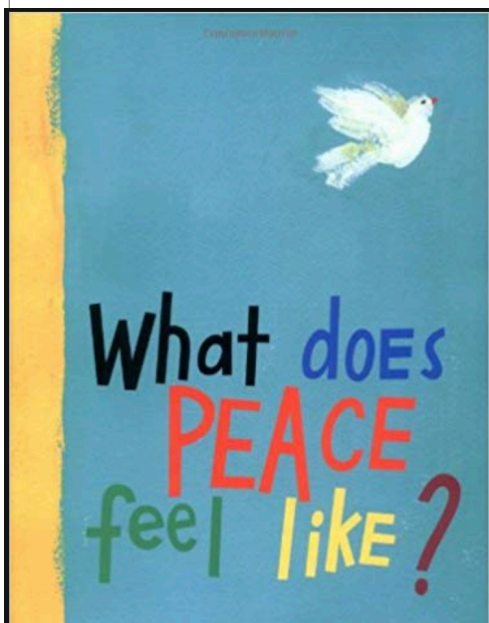
Last week, we had a few cozy and fun steps in creating our “snowy neighborhoods.” Painting. Cutting. Gluing. Adding details. And wait ’til you see the glitter :-)

Reading Snow by Uri Shulevitz was the perfect pairing to this ‘maker’ art project as well as studying the poem *Winter Dark*.

Our writing lesson to go with this project started with the book What Does Peace Feel Like? by Vladimir Radunski. Students were invited to emulate the format of the book by writing what peace feels, sounds, looks, and tastes like to them. These sweet pieces will go up in the classroom this week—come take a look and read if you have time or check them out at our class party on Friday, December 20th.

## Working Hard

This time of year is magical in 2nd grade, and in addition to all the fun, we are also working very hard academically. In math, the kids are getting better at money, time, fact fluency, and gaining in their addition skills. Reading groups continue Tuesday through Thursdays and our class is reading and loving lots of books! We've also been busy little writers, doing Power Writing, writing about peace, writing to connect with the curriculum, and improving our spelling.



## Winter Performances x 2 (Yes, two!)

I want to apologize in advance for this. For a couple of years now, I've had my class do a winter performance on Friday, December 20th in their PJs. This year, the 2nd grade team decided we should ALL singing the "*If You Believe*" song from the Polar Express for the school. It's such a sweet song and the kids are so cute singing in their PJs. Mr. Redding's class is usually the one who performs, but this year all 2nd graders will be joining in (5 classes). Room 26 is excited to participate, and after a long class talk last Friday morning, as well as a class vote, the kids decided they want to do both performances (I was going to cancel the afternoon one). Please don't feel obligated to come to both.

As a school, we are still deciding whether the grade level song will be performed first thing in the morning or right before the 2nd grade assembly. Please stay tuned (I'll email the update). And thank you for all of your patience, support, and encouragement. I'm so sorry to put you in this predicament.

## Snow Globe Video Project

This Friday 12/13, our class will be creating a fun green screen video to imagine what it would be like to live in a snow globe. Kids who were in Ms. Miller's class last year did a big snow globe writing project, so we'll keep this one short and sweet. Please have your child **bring winter clothes on Friday 12/13** to wear in the video. Hat, scarves, and gloves is enough, but if they want, they can also wear a winter coat. Please, **NO GREEN** (green clothing doesn't work for green screen).

Have a magical week everyone! ~ Ms. Boyesen