

WEEKLY NEWS

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Dates at a Glance:

Nov. 21 - Scholastic Book Orders Due

Nov. 22 - Favorite Character Day, Awards Assembly, *Read-a-Thon*

Upcoming Birthdays:

Ms. Boyesen - Dec. 14

Holden - Dec. 17

Homeplay:

Math game: **Clock Solitaire** and practice "quick math" (+/-): ask your child a series of addition or subtraction problems under 20. Ex: 13-4, 6+5, 12-6, 7+7...

Spelling: -k vs -ck

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



(photo of our classroom window with gratitude leaves)

Geology

Ms. Candelaria launched our geology unit by teaching the kids about the four main layers of the earth: inner and outer core, mantle, and crust. The sheer proportions of these parts as well as geologic time in the rock cycle are hard concepts for little minds to grasp, but somehow kids LOVE learning about geology and science lab makes it fun!

Telling Time

And speaking of time... We've been focusing on time to the quarter hour and will aspire to know time to the minute by the second report card. Involve your child in time management, planning and elapsed time.

Winter Performance

Our class will share a short and sweet little winter performance with you on the last day before the winter break. Mark your calendars for Dec. 20th 1:30-1:50 in the auditorium. After the performance, it's my hope to have a crafting activity or the like and a little treat in the classroom. If you'd like to help plan and implement the craft or bring a treat, please email me. Thank you! (If your family will be absent, please let me know as the kids will have lines in the performance.)

Inspiration

"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder."

~ G.K. Chesterton

Read-a-Thon this Friday

We're all very excited about the *Read-a-Thon* this Friday. The kids are making great progress in reading and love reading with their 4th grade Buddies. If you're so inclined, there is a sponsorship form enclosed. All money raised will benefit Ada Harris for things like PE equipment. Thank you for all you do for our district!

Digital Citizenship

Our district is adamant about all kids understanding smart digital citizenship. So to follow up on last week's *Balance Week*, we'll do a lesson on balancing our tech life with non-tech. With 2nd graders this is easy to do both in class and out of school, but the district believes in starting these lessons early and carrying them through the years. Please find enclosed some additional resources for your family if you find that helpful.

Critical Literacy

Last week, we had the sweetest discussion about "What we know to be true about Grandparents." Our little learners sure love their grandmas and grandpas because they're "really nice," "take me fun places," and "give us treats." Reading two wonderful books, Thunder Cake by Patricia Pollaco as well as Grandma Rose's Magic, helped support our theory that grandparents are a special part of our lives.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving week filled with family, friends, and togetherness. Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays because it's not about the presents but about the presence, as well as the gratitude. I'm grateful for all of you and this amazing community of learners. Happy Thanksgiving everyone! ~ Ms. Boyesen