

Second Grade News

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CLASSROOM News

Dear Parents,

Can you believe that this is the 101st day of school? Where does the time go?

Attached to the newsletter is a Class List so the students can begin to work on their **Valentines**. In addition, I have attached your child's STAR Reading Progress Report and A.R. Record Report. For a student to be proficient in reading, he/she should be reading at a 2.6 (grade 2, 6th month) as of this week. *If your child is not reading at that level, more time needs to be devoted to reading at home.* The A.R. report lists all the tests your child has taken this trimester, number of questions answered correctly for each test, points earned by your child, possible points, and finally an average of the level of books being read. Each child must earn 10 points each trimester with an 85% pass rate.

This week our focus for the **Animal Information Report** is the mammal's **habitat (where they live)**. The students seem to be excited about learning about their mammal and when the reports are finished they will share their report with the class. Once again, I have attached an example of Cornell Notes for HABITAT. Students who had great notes and a well-written topic sentence that was on topic had a much easier time writing the paragraph last week. Students with vague notes needed one-on-one help, which is difficult with a class of 21. **The Cornell notes are due on Wednesday.** A few students did not have their book and folder with additional information in their backpack. **It is imperative that your child should always have the book(s) and folder of information in his/her backpack at all times for use at home and school daily.**

Happy Birthday to Lacimay. She will turn 8 years old on February 5th. I hope you have a great day!

ACADEMICS

Language Arts: This week we will be working on the following skills: -er ending in two-syllable words, review-vowel pairs oa and ow, the new high frequency words, evaluating, making generalizations, timelines (information & study skills), spelling (focused on words that end with er), word families (vocabulary), verbs (grammar), and working on our animal information report.

Nice job! The following students earned 100% on the two sections of the spelling test: **Elise, Jasmyne, Jeffrey, and Landon.**

Quote of the Week

"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra."

H.F. Vocabulary

middle trouble uncle
(Practice every night)

enVision Math This week we finish our topic on **time**. The math test will be this Thursday. The next topic is on Data & Graphs. *Please feel free to take the practice test on our second grade math website.* The specific skills we will be working on are: using a calendar, equivalent times, problem-solving: multiple step problems, and organizing data.

Science: This week we will continue lesson #2 on mammals and hopefully start our next lesson, which is "Animals from Eggs." It is nice that our science unit is about animals while we are working on our animal reports!

JUST A REMINDER!

How are the fundraising sales going? **The Nature's Vision packets and money are due back this Wednesday, February 1st.**

The *Healthy Students Initiative Parent Surveys* are due back this Friday, February 3rd. Parents who return the survey and complete the information on the last page will be entered into a drawing for one of two \$50 gift certificates to a local grocery store.

February 13th is a **holiday** in honor of Lincoln's Birthday. We will celebrate Valentine's Day during the latter part of the day on February 14th.

February 20th is also a school **holiday**, in honor of Washington's birthday.

The **second trimester** of school ends March 2nd. Let's finish off strong.

REMEMBER TO DO THE FOLLOWING EVERY NIGHT:

READ A.R. book(s), fluency read (cold/hot read), black-line readers, practice the spelling words (ABC order-**Monday**), practice the high-frequency words, complete the math HW, and complete the fact sheets (Tuesday = 1/2 sheet of subtracting and adding two-digit numbers & Wednesday night). Students have two nights to complete the Cornell notes (Monday & Tuesday).

Have a fabulous week!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Waters

P.S. Thank you for all the great snacks sent in this month. :8)