

# Second Grade Newsletter

## November 2009



**Math:** Students have been working on Number Sense, rounding, place value, and geometry. In addition to focusing on time, counting, money, calendar, and ordinal numbers, they are focusing on shapes and a number's value. Please continue to check the classroom website for additional practice activities.



### Language Arts:

**Reading** - We have been working on narrative elements of a story. These focus points are the title, author's purpose, setting, main idea, and the sequence of the story. They should be able to answer the 5 W's "who, what, where, when, and why" about the story. They are continually working on their word study words and vocabulary from their stories.

**Writing** – In addition to working on the different types of sentences and sentence structure, the students have been working on their handwriting skills and grammar. We continue to focus on sentence structure and will progress further as the year goes on.



**Science:** We have been studying the weather; which includes the 4 seasons, weather tools, and storms. We are now learning about the water cycle and its key elements. We will also be starting our first research project very soon.



**Social Studies:** We just finished a unit on Good Citizens. When we finish our Science Unit, we will begin a unit on community life.

**\*\* Please encourage your child to read each evening and return the books each day. Students need to be filling out the reading log with books from school or books from home. Reading logs are still being collected and still need to be completed from all students!**

### \*\*\*IMPORTANT DATES\*\*\*

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| November 2  | No School                  |
| November 3  | Parent-teacher conferences |
| November 10 | Report Cards               |
| November 11 | No School                  |
| November 16 | Family Math Night          |
| November 20 | Fun Friday                 |
| November 25 | ½ day                      |
| November 26 | No School                  |
| November 27 | No School                  |
| November 30 | Book Fair                  |



**Reminder:** Parents, please do not forget to check and sign your child's agenda every night. Even though they have their Friday folders, they are supposed to be writing their homework down daily. We also post the homework on our class website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time. Thank you for all you do!

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