This Week in Second Grade

2/10/14

**Math**

Chapter 4 is focused on bar models. I encourage you to ask your child to demonstrate this concept to you! Lesson 3 works on comparing two sets while lesson 4 will be two-step real world problems. I encourage you to log on to [www.thinkcentral.com](http://www.thinkcentral.com) for even more information!

**Reading**

We are starting a new theme this week: Amazing Animals. The first story in the theme is *Officer Buckle and Gloria.* We will focus on monitoring during reading. Each child will also continue working on individual needs in our small reading groups.



***Classroom Wish List***

* Classroom Snacks
* Individual Pencil Sharpeners

**Science/Social Studies**

*Science* – Physical Science. Students will be learning about the properties of a solid, liquid, and a gas.

*Social Studies* – We will be finishing up a classroom letter book about Mt. Pleasant. The class will be discussing the Chinese New Year.

**Writing**

We have talked about the writing process, wrote lists of idea, and rehearsed our ideas. We have started discussing our new unit this week focused on writing informational pieces using personal expertise. What ideas could you help your child come up with? What is a topic they know when and could share a lot about?

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Count Day/PJ Day

Friday, February 14th

Wednesday, February 12th, is Michigan’s Count Day. It is very important that each and every student be present for the whole day. Because we are encouraging all to be present, we will have a pajama day!

Schedule for Friday, February 14th:

* **Valentine’s Day Party – 9:15**
  + Exchange valentines, eat snacks, and watch a movie
* **Chinese New Year Parade – 10:30**
  + All parents and friends are welcome to come and watch 2nd grade celebrate the end of the Chinese New Year

Ms. Gorsegner’s 2nd Grade Gazette

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Conference Forms

Conference forms were sent home last week. If you haven’t yet, please sign and return ASAP so we can confirm or change your scheduled time!

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* Friday, February 14th –
  + Valentine’s Day Party – 9 :15
  + Chinese New Year Parade – 10:30
* Friday, February 21st – 2nd Grade popcorn day: Volunteers needed to pop!
* Thursday, February 27th – ½ day for students: PT Conferences
* Friday, February 28th – no school: PT Conferences

It is important that all students are ready in the gym when the bell rings *at 8:45*.

**Because of the increase in tardiness, please speak to your child about not getting caught up in conversation and the responsibility of getting to the gym on time.**

Please be aware of district policy regarding absences:

* The teacher/school needs a doctor’s note to be an excused absence
* After 5 unexcused absences a letter will be sent home

For the full policy, please ask for a copy from Ms. Gorsegner.

District Policy

Morning Assembly

Classroom Website

[www.melissagorsegner.weebly.com](http://www.melissagorsegner.weebly.com)

* Math curriculum explanation and links to math website
* Spelling words for the new unit and links to activities
* Pictures of our year
* Links for students and parents

Remind 101

I am currently using Remind 101 to send out reminder text messages to anyone interested. To sign up, send the message **@msgorse** to the number **810-545-4879**.