This Week in Second Grade

2/17/14

**Math**

Monday begins with our chapter 4 test. Chapter 5 will start on Tuesday. We will be starting multiplication and division! Have your child studying their math facts with flash cards or on [www.XtraMath.com](http://www.XtraMath.com). Also use [www.thinkcentral.com](http://www.thinkcentral.com) for even more information!

**Reading**

We will continue our new theme this week: Amazing Animals. We will finish up the first story: *Officer Buckle and Gloria.* During this story, we focus on monitoring during reading. Each child will also continue working on individual needs in our small reading groups.

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***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 looking at maps. We will identify and read different types of maps.

**Writing**

We have read and studied informational texts together and now it’s our turn! This week we’ll be narrowing ideas and start on our own informational texts. 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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Popcorn Friday

This Friday, February 21st is 2nd Grade’s Popcorn Day. A portion of the money earned goes towards our classroom. To help make it successful, we need volunteers to pop first thing in the morning, usually starting around 8:00. Please let me know if you’re able to help!

Ms. Gorsegner’s 2nd Grade Gazette

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Conference Forms

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

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* Tuesday, February 18th at 5:30 – PTO Meeting in the Library
* 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**.