This Week in Second Grade

11/24/14

**Reading**

This week we continue with our theme *Nature Walk!* Our new story is a nonfiction piece: *Exploring Parks with Ranger Dockett.* During this story, we will evaluate how the author helps us understand what rangers do.

**Math**

This week we continue Chapter 4: *Using Bar Models: Addition and Subtraction.* This chapter will focus on addition and subtraction word problems and using bar models as a tool to solve those problems.

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**Science/Social Studies**

Science will continue focusing on the life cycles of different plants.

Social Studies will be focused on our community of Mt. Pleasant. We will discuss the characteristics of all communities and specifically what we have in ours.

**Writing**

The *Launching with Small Moments* unit will be coming to a close this week. Students will have published a narrative of a true event that has happened in his or her life. The following weeks we will work towards publishing a second narrative piece using the strategies we have learned.

Thank you all for a wonderful year so far. I am thankful for you and your child that every day I get to enjoy learning and growing with them!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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**TEMPERATURES ARE DROPPING!**

**Please make sure your child has warm clothes for recess!**

Things Found On The Classroom Website



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

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

Ms. Gorsegner’s 2nd Grade Gazette

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* Thursday, November27th – Friday, Nobember 28th: NO SCHOOL; HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
* Monday, December 1st: November Book IT due

Every year we are very blessed to have families that would like to help our classrooms. This year, I have put out a **Wish Tree** outside of the room. On this tree, you will find some bulbs with items that are in need for the classroom & our wonderful students. If you would like to pick a bulb off the tree & get that item for the class, that would be fantastic. Anyone can visit the tree at any time, but if you find that you are unable to come in & would like your child to choose something off of the tree, please just write me a note that you would like them to pick something off for their family. I will take those students out & let them read the choices that are up there & bring the bulb home. At home, if you would like to have your child wrap it up & put the name of your family on the item & then they can bring it back to school at any time. We will be opening or sharing these items starting the week of December 15th. I am incredibly thankful for teacher gifts, but I am going to ask that families consider choosing a bulb versus a teacher gift. That way, the whole class can enjoy our new items in the classroom. Please do not think that you need to get a bulb, but I thought this would be a great way to allow families to get something that may be needed in the particular classrooms. If you have any questions, please let me know. Again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for sharing your wonderful children with me!

Wish Tree

Agendas

Just a friendly reminder to please check agendas every day and initial it if you’ve read it. I occasionally will put notes in there, but it is also important you check for homework. This is also a great way for you to communicate with me if needed!

Remind

I am currently using Remind to send out reminder text messages to anyone interested. To sign up, send the message **@msgorse** to the number **810-344-6657**.