

Happy Groundhog Day!



SECOND GRADE WEEKLY

January 30, 2012

Dear parents,

Well, our new policies and procedures in second grade are going well so far. The children have shown responsibility in using the folders and the assignment sheets. That's good news as we focus on third grade and its challenges!

Second quarter report cards were sent home on Friday. Please sign and return the folders. The paper report card is yours to keep.

This Friday is the 100th day of the school year, and we always have fun with that. I've asked each family to donate one item for a special gigantic snack mix that we will make on Friday, so please remember that we will need that item by Friday morning. Remember that I'm not asking for 100 of any of the items, but the quantity on the list. The children will choose ten of each of the items they like until they have their own customized snack mix.

The Board of Education has asked the teachers to take a closer look at the children each day to ensure that our dress code is being followed as written. Second graders generally do very well with the guidelines. The main concern for us has been stretch pants/leggings for the girls. These should only be worn with a dress or skirt. Please check page 24 of the parent handbook for clarification on the policies.

We have finished chapter 3 in our science books. I will end the chapter with a week-long focus on creation science and what we as Christians believe about the creation of the world and the origin of life. I believe that, since there is so much in science books to assail children with evolutionist ideas presented as fact, they need to be armed with Christian views. I have some excellent materials to share with them from author Ken Ham.

A study guide for the chapter 3 test will be sent home on Monday. The test will be given on Tuesday, February 7. There is

quite a bit of information to cover, so I've mentioned in the study guide CHOICES that the kids will have as far as which questions they will learn for the test.

Remember that 2 AR points are due by Tuesday, January 31. Most of the children have already exceeded this requirement. Beginning in February, 3 points will be required, but most of the kids have been earning at least that many anyway. They should never feel they need to stop at the minimum. READ, READ, READ!

THIS WEEK:

MEMORY: Tuesday: "The Lord God said, 'It is not good for theman to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him'." (Genesis 2:18)

Thursday: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)

RELIGION: "The Ten Lepers" and "Jesus Brings a Widow's Son to Life."

READING/PHONICS: Leveled lessons and activities.

READER'S THEATER: I have assigned "The Cheetah and the Sloth" for Friday. This is a variation on the familiar fable "The Tortoise and the Hare."

MATH: Topic 9: Subtracting Two-Digit Numbers.

ENGLISH: Subject-Verb Agreement; Abbreviations.

SPELLING: Week 6 Unit 3: Review. Practice test Thursday and final test Friday.

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SOCIAL STUDIES: Unit 3: Using Our Resources. Lesson 1: Land and Water Resources.

HANDWRITING: Cursive e, j, and p.

SCIENCE: Creation science.

ART: 3-D Hearts.

COMPUTERS: Hello in Many Different Languages.

P.E.: Scooter relays and free-choice activities.

In Christ,
Linda Ramthun