



SECOND GRADE WEEKLY

January 9, 2012

Dear parents,

Don't forget that the second graders will be having their special good behavior reward THIS Wednesday, January 11. We will have a Movie/P.J. Day. This means that we will spend the afternoon watching a movie in our jammies. IF your child wants to change into pajamas for the afternoon, PLEASE SEND ONE BIG GARBAGE BAG CONTAINING THE PAJAMAS AND SLEEPING BAG OR BLANKET. I will keep these in the classroom until the afternoon. We will change back into school clothes before dismissal because it will be too cold to go out to the parking lot in our jammies!

I need some help with this. First, I could use a parent to be here just at 1:00 to supervise the boys changing to their pajamas in the locker room. Second, I need some pre-bagged snacks (pretzels, popcorn, cheezits, etc.) to pass out during the movie. Third, I would like juice boxes to go with the snacks. Last, I need a parent (or two!) to come at 2:40 to help with getting sleeping bags rolled up, clothes changed, etc. to prepare for dismissal. If you can help in any of these ways, please let me know.

The kids chose the movie Elf to watch. This is rated PG, and I don't have a problem with them seeing it, especially since it seems like most of them already have. HOWEVER, IF ANY PARENT OBJECTS TO ALLOWING THEIR CHILD TO WATCH A MOVIE THAT IS NOT RATED G, I WILL CHOOSE ANOTHER MOVIE TO SHOW. PLEASE LET ME KNOW BEFORE WEDNESDAY IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR CHILD TO SEE ELF. IT WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL AND I WILL SIMPLY CHOOSE ANOTHER MOVIE.

The annual Guardian Science Fair will be January 19-22, and the second graders will be preparing a class project for display. We

will learn a lot about the process involved in preparing a science project. Our project will involve some timed measurements to be taken for each child, and it would be extremely helpful if I had a parent volunteer to help with the simple timing and counting so that it doesn't take a lot of class time timing each child. I will be presenting the project to the class on Monday and could begin the timed measurements any day after that. If you would be able to be at school for an hour or two any of the days next week, please let me know which day and what time would be good for you and I can set a time for you to be here to help. I will send the children one at a time to be timed. I will, of course, explain in detail the simple process if you volunteer and provide what you would need. Thanks.

We also have a field trip coming on Thursday, January 19 to Nankin Mills. A note was sent home last week. Please return the permission portion and indicate whether or not you can drive. I can take as many drivers as volunteer this time.

Each child will need two AR points by January 31.

We used a fun website for math skills practice in class and the kids were intrigued to use it at home. The games can be found at sheppardsoftware.com. They are a fun way to practice and develop “fluency” in simple operations like addition and subtraction.

THIS WEEK:

MEMORY: Tuesday: The Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother.

Thursday: “Children, obey your parents (and other authorities) in everything, for this pleases the Lord.” (Colossians 3:20)

RELIGION: “The Boy Jesus in the Temple” and “The Baptism of Jesus.”

READING/PHONICS: Leveled lessons and activities.

READER'S THEATER: We will perform “On the Road to Bremen” on Friday.

MATH: Topic 8: Adding Two-Digit Numbers.

ENGLISH: Build Skills: Note-Taking and Summarizing; Vocabulary: Compound Words.

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

best(hf) sometimes(hf) I'm can't didn't he's
she's wasn't isn't we're that's don't
BONUS: they'll would've there's

SOCIAL STUDIES: Discovered video: "How Location Affects Life"
and Map and Globe Skills: Directions on a Map.

HANDWRITING: Letter Size and Form.

SCIENCE: We will begin to work on our class science project. Lesson
6: What is a fossil?

ART: We will begin a winter painting project called Snowy Forest.

COMPUTERS: Keyboarding from copy.

P.E.: Eye-hand coordination with round paddles and balls; obstacle
course relay.

God bless your week,
Linda Ramthun