

Second Grade Newsletter

Week of January 7

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with some insight as to what is happening in our busy second grade classroom. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me by phone, email, or note.

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Upcoming Week Reminders:

Monday	January 14	
Tuesday	January 15	Memory
Wednesday	January 16	Chapel
Thursday	January 17	Memory, library books due, Golden Rondelle
Friday	January 18	Spelling test, return reading and math log, VIP Day RSVP due

****There were no changes for the Science Experiment schedule, so it will be in the packs today. It is important to stick with this schedule. However, if something comes up and your date does not work, please let me know ASAP. When it is your graders turn to be a scientist they will bring a backpack home explaining what is expected.**

****We will visit the Golden Rondelle on Thursday, January 17, with the kindergarten and first grade classes to see an operatic arrangement of the *Three Little Pigs*. We will leave at 9:00, so please have your student to school on time.**

****VIP Day RSVP are due on Friday, January 18.**

Literacy

Our first full week back was a busy one! We read *Mr. Tanen's Tie Trouble*. With this story we focused on homographs and learned about realistic fiction. We also reviewed story structure. The "more you give the more you get" was a phrase used in the story. We talked about how our hearts feel when we give without being asked. Learning how to answer a question completely and how to elaborate sentences with the use of details were key skills for this week. We also reviewed the rules for adding -ed and -ing to words and stretched our minds to make words with various letters. For writing, we talked about toys. Perfect for after Christmas! The students got an imaginary pencil that had special super powers. We designed our pencil and even made it a home. Our writing focused on how we got the pencil and its super powers. This was really fun and it overtook our science time. Oops!

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Math

In math, we learned how to break apart addends as tens and ones to help us add. We also used tens frames to model adding 2-digit numbers. Finally, we stretched it one more step and made quick pictures and recorded to 2-digit addition. Slowly we are getting to what we, as adults, call "normal 2-digit addition."

Religion

From the story about the baptism of Jesus, we learned about the Triune God and how we need Jesus to take our sins away. In our second story, Jesus calls His Disciples, we are reminded to tell others about Jesus, the Messiah.

Art

We are getting ready for our penguin unit and so we made penguins for our door! We also designed our own personal tie to coincide with our story for the week.