



Starling 2nd Grade Newsletter

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Notes from the Teacher...

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed your break and time with family. There are 3 weeks of school before our winter break, and we have a lot of learning to do over the next few weeks!

Our winter class party is scheduled for December 20th from 9:45-10:45 am. Our room parents should be in touch soon regarding plans and items needed.

Sincerely,
2nd Grade Teachers

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 10 – Lunch and Learn for parents
(see Starling website for details)

Dec. 12 – Chorus Concert

Dec. 19 – Stevi B's Night

Dec. 20- Winter party 9:45- 10:45 am

Dec. 23-Jan. 6 – Student holiday



What We're Learning Next



Reading: Students will be applying and developing their understanding of how context clues and text features can be used as tools to help figure out the meaning of vocabulary words within a passage. AKS: determine the meanings of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area (CCGPS) (2LA.B.2012-13/ELACC2RI4)

Writing: We will continue to explore how-to stories, using sequence words like first, next, and then. AKS: write informative/explanatory texts in which they introduce a topic, use facts and definitions to develop points, and provide a concluding statement or section (CCGPS) (2LA.D.2012-23)

Math: Our class has been working on 2-digit subtraction using base 10 blocks to model our thinking. We will continue to build our understanding of subtraction with regrouping by applying this skill to problem solving. AKS: fluently add and subtract within 100 using strategies based on place value, properties of operations, and/or the relationship between addition and subtraction. (CCGPS) (MCC.2.NBT.5)

Science: Mrs. Lammey's class will continue our study of matter and physical and chemical changes. Our unit will include many hands on experiments as we learn the states of matter and its properties. The study guide for our assessment will go home this week. AKS: investigate the properties of matter and changes that occur in objects (GPS) (2SC.C.2007-10)

Social Studies: Mrs. Williamson's will learned many new things about the lives of the Creek Indians last week! We will continue our unit on the life of Native Georgians, including the Creek and Cherokee Native Americans and Sequoyah, the creator of the Cherokee alphabet. AKS: describe the cultural and geographic systems associated with Sequoyah and Georgia's Creeks and Cherokees (GPS) (2SS.E.2008-26)

Word Work: We will explore the -ie and -or vocabulary words using this week.

- ie chief, thief, relieve
- or sort, fort, report

Students have set and are working toward their AR goals for this nine weeks. Ask your child how they are doing on their goal!

Reading Homework is Monday – Thursday night. If you read additional books at home be sure to write them on your book log. We can check to see if they are an AR book.

