



## News & Views from Chapter Two!



January 6, 2020

Hello Families:

Happy New Year! I hope all of you enjoyed the holidays and had time to spend with family and friends.

We enjoyed a fun Winter Party celebration before the break. I would like to, once again, thank our many parents who came in and helped out with the fun. What is it about wearing pajamas in school that makes a school day so much fun?

### Calendar Corner:

Jan. 6: School Resumes

Jan. 7: PTO Dinner Night-Please watch for updated information

Jan. 8: Student Late Start: 10:05 am

Jan. 9: Birthday Breakfast

Jan. 20: No School: MLK Day



### General Reminders:

Recess/Lunch: Monday-Friday (10:50-11:35)

*\*Please dress your child for the weather!*

Please keep in mind that we will go outside for recess unless the temperature falls below zero. This also means that we will not go outside if the "real feel" temperature is below zero. I know it's hard for our students to bring all their gear every day for recess, but we do require the 5 points to play in the snow or to be on the playground when we are able to go outside...\*hat, \*jacket, \*snow pants, \*boots, and \*mittens/gloves. If a student is not prepared to be in the snow, they will stand on the blacktop for their own safety.

Specials are from 1:05-1:45pm

Monday: PE

Tuesday: Music & Library (2:00-2:30)

Wednesday: PE & Computer Lab (2:10-2:50)

Thursday: PE

Friday: Art & Reading/Writing Buddies (2:30-3:00)





Curriculum at a glance...what have we been doing and what is coming up?

### Language Arts...

- Reading Book Clubs/Reading Benchmark Updates
- Describe how characters in a story respond to major challenges
- Ask and answer questions to build comprehension
- Recount a short sequence of events
- Discuss and recount lessons learned from fables
- Set future independent reading goals during Daily Five
- Imaginative narrative writing
- Learn to write interesting "hooks" that introduces a writing topic

### Math...

- Strategies for solving one and two step addition and subtraction word problems
- Review strategies for subtraction and addition of 2 digit numbers within 100 (with and without regrouping)
- Ongoing review and practice with a variety of skills: place value, comparing numbers, word problems, graphing, money, and number patterns

### Social Science...

History:

- Communities past and present
- Examples of artifacts
- Clues from the past
- Timelines
- People shape history

### Science...

Structure and Properties of Matter:

- Properties and states of matter
- Properties of materials



### HOMEWORK TIPS:

Please let me know and I will help your child find "good fit" books to take from school to read at home. Helping your child establish good homework habits is essential to school success this year and in the years to come. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding our second grade homework plan. Thank you for your support!

- All homework is due on Friday.
- Please initial the Weekly Homework Checklist each day and help your child record what they read every day.
- Please make sure your child is using a pencil to do their homework, unless crayon/color is on the directions.
- Please remind your child to write their name on ALL of their papers.

- Please have your child read their writing homework aloud. Help them to use capital letters and periods in their writing.
- Double check math homework and have your child correct any mistakes.
- Please staple or clip all papers together. This way, your child can see they have completed all of their assigned homework for the week.

As always, thank you for your support with homework!



What's new in school? Here are some questions or ideas to get the discussion going:

- Which of the Daily Five choices will you work on this week?
- Do you need to replace any of your supplies? Do you have enough pencils, glue sticks, and are your crayons holding up okay?
- Your library day is Tuesday. Did you put your library books in your backpack or have you already returned them to school? Do we need to look for them?
- What does it mean to have a good "hook" when you begin your writing?
- What is the best part about being back in school?



VERY IMPORTANT...

I appreciate your understanding and attention to sending peanut and tree nut-free snacks with your child.

- Remember any snack sent in without a label will be sent home- with the exception of fresh veggies and fruit. I have to check to be sure the snack did not come from a facility that also makes peanut or tree nut products.
- You may take a picture of a label and send that to me if you prefer to buy snacks in large quantity and send the snack in a small baggie or container.
- Your child should not be finishing their lunch during snack time.

Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions.

Thank you for your support and have a great week!

Mrs. Snyder :)



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