



FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

February 24th – February 28th

The "Spring" Into Fitness Festival is quickly approaching. Our amazing room parent, Mrs. Highfield, has sent a few emails regarding our class basket for the silent auction. We are hoping to put together an eye-catching basket that will raise money for our wonderful school. Please send in any donations marked "room parent" or contact Mrs. Highfield if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

For our upcoming 2nd Grade show, *Americans All*, each class will be representing a different country and our class will be representing Australia. **The students will need to wear jeans, a white shirt and tennis shoes (or other shoes that stay on easily for dancing) for the performance.** The show will be the night of Thursday, March 13th.

Important Dates

Friday, March 7-
Spring Picture Day (class picture)

Sunday, March 9-
Spring Into Fitness Festival

Reading

This week we will focus on comparing and contrasting different characters' points of view in a story. We will use the characters words, thoughts, facial expressions/ body language and actions to help us determine how a character feels about a situation or event. We will practice changing our voices to reflect the character's POV when reading out loud. For phonics, we will begin learning about "the bossy r" and focus on *ar* words (star, yard). Our vocabulary skill will be shades of meaning. We will discuss the variation amongst synonyms and work on choosing the most precise meaning.

Math

We will continue measuring length using the U.S. Customary System. Now that the students can visualize an inch, we will introduce feet. We will also solve word problems involving length, experiment with different measurement tools and learn how graph measurement data on a line plot. Measurement is a very hands-on topic and one that you can easily support at home. Grab a ruler and send your child off around the house to record the lengths, widths or heights of different household items (sofa, refrigerator, video game controller, picture frame, etc.).

Writing

This week we will finally begin drafting our book recommendation using the information from our opinion OREO graphic organizer. The students came up with some great reasons and examples and I can't wait to see how they turn them into paragraphs!

This week we will also learn how and when to use commas, including in dates, places (city, date) and friendly letters.

Science & Social Studies

This week we are beginning our big unit on immigration. We will explore a neat website that gives firsthand accounts of immigrants arriving at Ellis Island. We will take a virtual tour of Ellis Island and walkthrough the check-in process. We will also analyze some immigration graphs and discuss the diversity of America's immigrants. Finally, we will compare the immigration experiences of the early immigrants to the experiences of today's immigrants.