



# FRIDGE NOTES

## Mrs. McBride's Class Family

January 5<sup>th</sup> – January 9<sup>th</sup>

It's 2015 and we are back and ready to learn! Hopefully all of our brains are well-rested and re-energized. I'm so excited for a new year of exploration and growth!

Many parents comment on the jump in work and expectations that occurs around this time of year in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. You may notice that the difficulty of the material increases in order to prepare the students for the transition to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I know that all our students are well-prepared for the work ahead and that they will continue to grow and have fun learning. In other words, do not fear! ☺ If, however, you ever have a concern that your child is beginning to struggle, please do not hesitate to contact me or schedule a conference.

Congratulations to last week's Principal's Award winner, Faira!

### Important Dates

Thursday, January 15-  
Sea World Field Trip

Permission slips and money  
are due this Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>!

### Reading

This week we will read an informational text about jellyfish. We will learn how authors write to make a point about something. We will identify the author's point and then examine how the author provides reasons to support it. We will also integrate fact and opinion into our discussion and learn how to differentiate between the two. We will discuss which one builds stronger support for a point: facts or opinions.

Our phonics skill will be the long-e sound with vowel digraphs *ee* (green) and *ea* (team).

### Writing

We will learn about adding dialogue to our writing and using quotations marks to show someone's exact words. This is a difficult skill because there is a lot to remember in terms of capitalization and punctuation placement!

We will also work on writing New Year's resolutions. The students will use several different future-tense sentence stems to tell what they would like to do in 2015.

### Math

In math, we are kicking off the new year with a new unit! Chapter 6 will focus on adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers. We will use a variety of strategies, including models and pictures, mental math and paper-and-pencil. We will also transfer our knowledge of regrouping from 2-digit numbers over to these larger numbers.

### Science & Social Studies

Over the next couple of weeks in social studies we will study different kinds of maps: thematic, political, and physical. We will also learn how to use important map features, such as map scales, map keys, compass roses, cardinal directions, and intermediate directions. See what different types of maps you can find at home and label any map features you see.

In science, we are picking up where we left off in our study of the states of matter.