



FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

February 2nd – February 6th

New AR reading levels and goals were sent home last week. We are shooting for 100% goal getters again so we can keep the AR trophy for another 9 weeks! Please make sure your child is reading (and rereading) his/her books from the Media Center, as well as returning books in time to check out new books every Monday.

This Wednesday at 9:15, our class will be taking the Universal Gifted Screening assessment in the computer lab. Per district guidelines, all 2nd graders who are not already in the Gifted program will be screened. Please make sure that your child arrives to school on time and ready to go!

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

Important Dates

Wednesday, February 4-
Universal Gifted Screening

Thursday, February 5-
PTA Meeting 8:30am

Reading

This week in reading, we will review all of the skills from the past few weeks and take our Unit 3 Benchmark Test. We will break the test up into smaller chunks and work on one section each day. The first few days will involve reading and analyzing texts. The fourth day will focus on all of the phonics patterns and rules we have been working on (plural endings; long-a vowel pairs *ai, ay*; long-e vowel pairs *ee, ea*; long-o vowel pairs *oa, ow*; compound words). The final day will involve reading a complex text and responding in writing.

Writing

This week we will also take the Unit 3 Benchmark Test on all of the language arts skills we have been working on: compound sentences, quotation marks, proper nouns, abbreviations and editing sentences.

Math

This week we will add bills to our money counting mix in order to show amounts over \$1. We will also work on solving word problems involving money. Then, we will move on to telling time! The 2nd grade benchmark is to tell time to the nearest 5 minutes, but I know we can get to the exact minute! One challenging concept is that the hour hand is often in between 2 numbers. Most students want to draw the hour hand pointing directly at a number, but after the 30 minute mark, the hour hand must move in between 2 numbers (Ex: the hour hand would be in between 9 and 10 at 9:30).

Science & Social Studies

In honor of Black History Month, your child will be bringing home directions for a special Black History project. Each student will research a black American from a given category and create a stamp in that person's honor. This project is a great way to learn about the accomplishments and contributions of Black Americans in all fields. Please check the class blog later in the week for project examples.