



FRIDGE NOTES

Mrs. McBride's Class Family

March 2nd – March 6th

Our class will visit the Book Fair this Thursday, March 5th from 11:20 to 11:35. Parents are invited to meet in the Media Center to shop with our class, or you may send money to school with your child. Please remind your child to use his/her money to buy books- you can get pencils and erasers anywhere! Mrs. Lopez is also hosting an evening Book Fair event on Thursday, March 12th, which is also the night of our 2nd grade show, so you can wait to shop then.

This Friday, March 6th is Spring Picture Day. We will be taking individual pictures, as well as our class picture. We want everyone in our class family to be represented in the photo, so please try to make sure that your child is at school with a bright smile on Friday!

Important Dates

Thursday, March 5-
- PTA Meeting @ 8:30
- Class Book Fair Shopping @ 11:20

Friday, March 6-
Spring Picture Day
(Class Picture)

Thursday, March 12-
- 2nd Grade Show (meet @ 6:10)
- Book Fair Night

Reading

One of our reading standards is to describe the connection between a series of historical events, so we will use our knowledge of cause-and-effect and sequencing to show how immigration in our country has changed over time. We will begin with the colonists from England and continue all the way through Ellis Island, and even today.

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.

Writing

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

Math

We will wrap up our unit on measuring length using the U.S. Customary System. We will continue comparing the different units and choosing the most appropriate tool for measuring specific objects (ruler vs yardstick vs measuring tape). The students have really enjoyed this hands-on unit and have developed a strong understanding of when/how to use the different units and tools. We will review on Thursday and take the test on Friday.

Science & Social Studies

This week we are beginning our big social studies 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 walk through 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.