



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News

November 14<sup>th</sup>– November 18<sup>th</sup>

## Reading/ Language Arts

Over the next 2 weeks we will work on a fun cross-curricular unit on Cinderella stories from around the world. Did you know that almost every culture has its own version of this classic fairytale? In fact, there are over 300 versions of the story! We will compare and contrast several of these stories, focusing on common story elements and the ways culture influences the way the story is told.

Our phonics skill this week will be vowel digraphs that make the long-a sound: *igh, ay, ai*.

In writing, we will continue working on producing, rearranging, and expanding compound sentences.

This Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> is our field trip to watch a Solar Bears hockey game! Please send your child to school in their gray "Team 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade" Olympics-themed t-shirt. It is going to be cold in the arena, so we suggest layering a long-sleeved shirt underneath, as well as bringing a jacket and wearing close-toed shoes.

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

## Important Dates

Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>–  
Teach-In

Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>–  
Solar Bears Field Trip

Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>–  
Progress Reports

Wed., Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>– Fri., Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>–  
No School

## Math

I was so proud of the students' hard work throughout our last unit on addition with regrouping. It was a unit where everything really "clicked." For Chapter 5, we will take the concept of regrouping and carry it over to subtraction. As with 2-digit addition, we will begin by exploring a variety of strategies for 2-digit subtraction, including using tens frames, number lines and hundred charts. Then, we will use base-10 blocks to model the concept of "borrowing" and trading 1 ten for 10 ones (the reverse of what we did in addition).

## Science & Social Studies

Our social studies will be integrated into our reading as we discuss different aspects of culture and how an author uses culture to enhance the Cinderella story and make it unique.