



2nd Grade News

January 23rd - January 27th

The Family Dinner Night has been postponed and will be rescheduled. I will let you know when I hear any updates from the PTA.

Also, on the January calendar, it said Celebrate Literacy was LAST week, but it is actually THIS week. Check the blog for details on how Bay Meadows will be sharing our love of reading throughout the week.

Make sure you also check the blog for lots of other important information. There were way too many things to fit into this week's Fridge Notes!

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

Important Dates

Mon., Jan. 23rd - Fri., Jan. 27th -
Celebrate Literacy Week

Friday, February 10th -
Walk-a-thon
@ Specials 9:45-10:25

Reading/ Language Arts

This week we are integrating reading and social studies by reading an informational text about the 7 continents. We will focus on using non-fiction text features (headings, photographs, captions, bold print, etc.) to help us efficiently locate important information within the text. Here are some text feature questions you can ask when reading nonfiction books at home:

- *What are captions? How do they help you understand the pictures and words on this page?*
- *How do words in bold print relate to the pictures, the words, and the glossary?*
- *How does reading all the headings help you understand this text? How do they organize the text to make information easier to find?*
- *What is a glossary used for?*
- *How do indexes help you get information?*

Our phonics skill will be words with the long-i sound (i, igh, ie).

This week in writing we will continue learn about irregular past tense verbs. There are so many exceptions to the "add -ed" rule (*give/gave, go/went, see/saw, run/ran, eat/ate, etc.*)

Math

We are wrapping up our unit on 2-digit addition and subtraction. We will review everything we've learned on Thursday and test on Friday. Please remind your child of the importance of showing work and double checking answers. The students are all very knowledgeable about the steps for adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers, but I'm still noticing small errors in basic math facts. And when it comes to multistep problems, being off by just one number can really mess things up!

Science & Social Studies

Our latest science unit is all about matter! We have been working on defining the characteristics of the 3 states of matter and identifying objects and materials as solids, liquids, or gases. This week, we will compare and contrast different solids, liquids, and gases using their properties.