

ROOM 202 NEWS

FEBRUARY 2017



Reminders

- *A healthy snack is provided daily in school.
- *Strings is every Thursday from 12:00-12:40pm (Band - Friday)
- *Students should read nightly for at least 15 minutes.
- *Students need to practice their math facts at home daily.

Important Dates

- *2/6 ~ Parent Teacher Conferences
2:45 - 4:15 p.m.
- *2/8 ~ half day
- *2/15-19 ~ February Vacation

Classroom Wishlist

- * Gently used books
- * Tissues/Kleenex
- * Ticonderoga Pencils
- * Hand Sanitizer
- * Clorox Wipes



Dear Room 202

January was a very fun month with our field trip, Playworks, MLK Jr. concert, pre-k reading buddies and more! We have been fortunate to have mild weather. We greatly appreciate any and all donations of tissues at this time year.

Often February brings forth some trickier days, as we approach testing season in combination with colder weather/ indoor recess. Please continue to check in with students about their day and learning. Continue to encourage the positive homework habits they've developed. In the classroom we will get the students moving and be sure to provide social time.

This month we begin Nutrition classes which will continue for the next four Fridays. The students are excited and demonstrated great background knowledge from Nutrition class in third grade. We always enjoy this collaboration to help our students learn healthy habits!

We are also happy to announce our next field trip in April. The fourth grade is getting the privilege of attending the Boston Symphony Orchestra with Mr. Barringer. We are thrilled to have this opportunity. Chaperone and field trip forms will be sent home in late March.

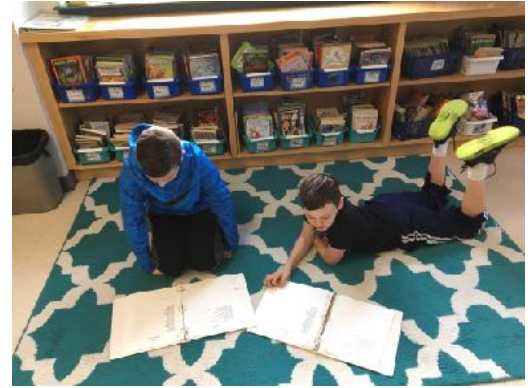
Thank you!

Mrs. Bauer



READING ~ We have wrapped up the poetry unit. Students have learned and practiced multiple strategies to understand poetry including: rereading, visualizing, hearing the poem aloud, noticing rhythm/rhyme, and interpreting figurative language. Additionally students will learn to explore poems analytically line by line, understanding that poets choose each word with intention. Most recently, we have focused on exploring the message and meaning of the poem as a whole. Next up is our "Writing about Text" unit. Emphasis will be placed on identifying strong evidence from multiple texts to write a cohesive essay. We will also continue to partner with our pre-k reading buddies, which the students really enjoy.

MATH ~ Over the past month, students have persevered through some challenging fraction understanding! Students can now add, subtract, and multiply with fractions. They are learning to put their problem solving skills to use as they determine what operation is needed to solve a story problem. Up next is Geometry and Measurement. Please help students practice their math facts at home (addition, subtraction, division, and multiplication). They are showing a lot of growth and I look forward to watching them continue to grow as mathematicians!



WRITING ~ Students are working on their first imaginative narrative. They have really developed their descriptive writing skills. Several 7th grade students visited our classroom to share the stories they wrote in fourth grade to help inspire our writers. We are enjoying writing stories with a sense of freedom since students can deviate from personal experiences. Students are using a combination of dialogue, sensory details, character thoughts, action, and feelings to help readers visualize their stories successfully. Next up we will shift our focus to writing organized responses to text-based prompts. Students will practice analyzing texts, developing an answer, finding evidence to support their answer and then explaining their thinking.

SCIENCE ~ We are continuing to study Electricity this month. The students are having fun making circuits and learning about how electricity works. They can identify the negative and positive sides of the battery and explain what a circuit is and how to create one with the materials they are given. The students have great enthusiasm for this unit and witnessing their excitement has been awesome! I am thrilled to explore with them.



SOCIAL STUDIES ~ Students are continuing to studying the Southern region. Students recently researched an interesting location in one of the Southern states with a partner and created a postcard relaying important information about the site. They have shown a lot of enthusiasm for these mini-projects and are quickly becoming Chromebook experts. Please also feel free to send in anything that might bring these states to life for our students!