



Mrs. Bennett's Second Grade News

January 25th - 29th

Mid-Year Reading Assessments



Please be on the lookout for a detailed note coming home in this week's Friday Folder regarding your child's most recent Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA). The note contains information about your child's most current reading level, and their individualized areas of strength. You will also find the specific reading strategies that will be a focus of instruction in the upcoming months. If you have any questions regarding this information, I would be happy to answer any questions over email or in person. I am very pleased with the growth in reading that I have seen so far this year, and I am excited to share this information with you!



Writing

One focus point for writing this month has been our word choice. The following areas are things to look for at home when you child is completing a writing assignment:

- Does the writing start with an interesting lead that hooks the reader?
- Does the writing end with a conclusion that satisfies the reader?
- Did they show the character's thoughts and feelings rather than just telling about them?
- Did they attempt to use active verbs and descriptive details?



Math

We are currently working on adding and subtracting with and without regrouping. I wanted to explain some of the symbols you will see coming home for homework and other assignments. These symbols are used initially to teach the children about place value in a way that is developmentally appropriate and hands-on. If you can please refrain from teaching your children the algorithm for carrying and borrowing until they have mastered the symbolic representations of numbers I would appreciate it. We will be teaching the algorithm soon. If this method of adding and subtracting is new to you, please let me know and I can explain any parts that you may find confusing. Thank you!

$$\square = 100 \quad | \quad = 10 \quad \square = 1$$

For Example... $\square \mid \cancel{\cancel{\square}} \square - 20 = 111$



On the Horizon

- 2nd Grade Music Performance (Feb. 3rd 2:00-2:30)
- Recognition Pictures (Feb. 5th)
- Ikidarod (Feb. 9th 12:30-2:00)
- Douglass Science Fair (Feb. 11th)
- Valentine's Party (Feb. 14th 1:45-2:30)
- President's Day- No School (Feb. 15th)
- Family Bingo Night (Feb. 19th 6:00-8:30)



Thank you to all the parents that came together to help facilitate a very special Alaskan mining simulation this week. From role playing to toothpick and plate donations- your contributions were much appreciated! A HUGE thank you to Jessica Harstead for making several sheets of brownies for our activity- you are amazing!



Personal Presentations...

Anneka	2/4	11:50
Alex	2/5	11:50
Alexander	2/19	11:50
Matthew	3/5	11:50



Valentine's Day Cards

If your child would like to write Valentine's Day cards for their classmates, you will find a list below of all of the students in our classroom. In an effort to be as sensitive and kind as possible, please encourage your child to either write Valentine's Day cards for all of their classmates or to abstain from participating. Thank you very much!

Alex

Grace

Zach

Alexander

Jake

Sarah

Anneka

Kaylea

Ewan

Ashley

Monica

Ryker

Brett

Molly

Elise'

Carter

Matthew

Rachel

Dori

Nathan

Dylanie