



Mrs. Bennett's Second Grade News

November 30th - December 4th

Who is Paul Taylor?



Paul Taylor is an Australian storyteller, didgeridoo player and world traveler. The Second Grade is thrilled to be hosting another one of Paul's fantastic workshops on December 11th at 1:00. This workshop is being generously funded by the PTO. If you would like a glimpse into the work that Paul does across the country or to access interesting recordings, games, and photos, check out his website...

<http://www.paultaylor.ws/index.html>



Parent Literacy Training

Mark your calendars! There will be a Parent Literacy Training night on January 20th from 6:30-8:00. Anyone is welcome to attend. The training is funded by parent donations to the PTO. Please keep your eyes peeled for more information from the PTO regarding this exciting event!

Reading Logs

As you know, one of the most beneficial things you can do as a parent to promote literacy in your home is to encourage your child to read (alone or with another family member) nightly. To help encourage this habit, your child has been turning in Reading Logs every month for a reward. The reward for turning in Reading Logs for the months of November and December is going to be a Reading Log Party! If your child turns in **2** reading logs by December 16th, they will get an invitation to attend. The party will take place at lunchtime on December 17th. Please have your child bring a sack lunch to school that day. The students who reach this goal will get to choose the theme of the party. In the past, students have chosen things like a chip and salsa party or an ice cream party. Please help your child reach this goal. I would love to have 100% attendance!

Thank you!



On the Horizon

- Paul Taylor
December 11th 1:00
- Reading Log Party
December 17th 11:50
- Holiday Party
December 18th 1:00
- All School Sing
December 18th 1:45



Personal Presentations...

Ashley	12/11	11:50
Rachel	1/8	11:50
Alexander	1/15	11:50



#1 Helping Hands!

Thank you very much to those families who participated in our community service learning project. Your children raised enough money to purchase generous holiday gifts for impoverished second graders in our community. I will be bringing in the gifts into the classroom before they are wrapped so that your children can see exactly what their hard work was able to purchase. I am very proud of your children's compassion and dedication to helping others in need!

#2 Box Tops

Would you believe that our classroom has already halfway filled our box tops bag? Well...we have! We will continue to collect box tops through the month of February. The classroom that brings in the most box tops will win a pizza party!

#3 Canned Food Drive

The "Canned Food Drive" ends the week of December 18th. You may continue to send in any items that are non-perishable. This includes items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other household items. We have filled our first "Food Drive" box and are now working towards filling our second. Thank you for your generosity!

Winter Party

On December 18th from 1:00-1:45 our class will be enjoying a Winter Party! There are no party planners for this event, so I have decided to keep this party simple and fun! The children will be allowed to bring in any board games of their choosing as well as pillows and blankets. We will be enjoying hot coco with marshmallows along with other yummy treats! We will have crosswords, coloring-pages, and other optional games for the students to enjoy!

The children will get to decorate the classroom the day before the party by making snowflakes and other hand-made winter decorations. If your family has any spare decorations or art supplies that you would like to donate, please send them to school by December 17th.

I would love to have some healthy treats for the kids to enjoy during the party. If you would like to contribute a "winter-themed" food or drink please let me know what you would like to send to school. I will make a list of what to expect and make sure there are no duplicate items. Thanks!

Last but certainly not least, the entire school will go to the gym at 1:45 for our traditional All-School Sing! Parents and other family members are welcome to attend. It is sure to be a wonderful time! The All-School Sing will last until the end of the school day.

If you have any questions about the events taking place on December 18th, please do not hesitate to email me...

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