

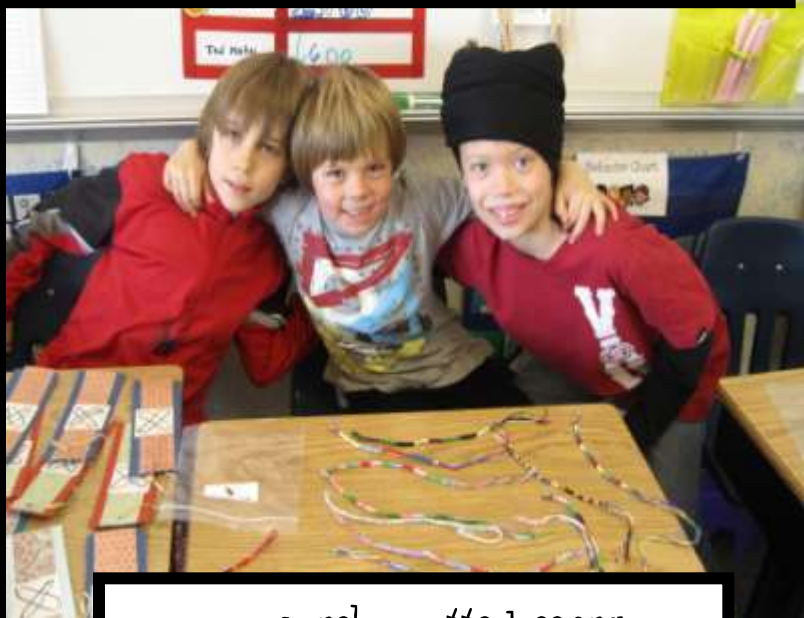


Mrs. Bennett's Second Grade News

January 2nd-6th 2012



Check out our new photos from the
Indian Bazaar...



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On the Horizon

- Radio Disney Assembly
Jan. 6th 12:30
- Class Pictures
Jan. 11th
- Lion Dance Performance
Jan. 13th
- Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
Jan. 16th
- Science Fair Projects Due
Feb. 6th



Personal Presentations...

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| Ellie | 1/13 | 11:50 |
| Joey | 1/20 | 11:50 |
| Crew | 1/27 | 11:50 |
| Andres | 2/3 | 11:50 |
| Grace Lee | 2/10 | 11:50 |



China 中国

Our next social studies unit will focus on the study of China. We will be exploring cultural differences and similarities, as well as the important role of natural resources, geography, population, and government. If you have any special talents or experiences that you would like to share with the class (travel photos or souvenirs, calligraphy, speaking Mandarin/Cantonese) please let me know. Thank you!

Mid-year Reading Assessments

Your child's individual reading assessments will be updated during the month of January. Please be on the lookout for a detailed note coming home at the end of the month regarding your child's most recent Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA).

Check out what we are learning!

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| Reading | Determining importance |
| Writing | Writing pour quoi stories |
| Math | Telling time to the nearest 5 minutes |
| Daily Language Instruction | Introducing the use of quotation marks to surround spoken words |
| Spelling | Mr. E's Magic Powers (silent final e makes the vowel say its name) |
| Social Studies | Understanding how people of different ages, cultural backgrounds, and traditions contribute to their community and how citizens respect these differences (China) |



Reading Comprehension Strategy Focus...

How to **DETERMINE IMPORTANCE**

During the month of January, our class will be spending time practicing how to distinguish important information from less important details. This essential skill will help them to learn how to identify the main idea in texts that they read. I would like the students to be able to do the following:

- recognize and understand what a detail is
- determine important information from interesting details
- put information into their own words and shape their learning in a new thought (paraphrase)
- react, respond, and merge their thinking with the information to better remember it

Please feel free to practice these reading skills at home when you read with your child.



Photos with our 5th Grade Buddies!
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Telling Time!



We are now beginning our unit on telling time. Time is not a large focus area in the third grade math curriculum, so it is especially important that your children have a solid understanding of how to read the clock this year. We will be working a lot on time vocabulary. If you can please reinforce terms like "five past two" and "half past" at home, it will help your child tremendously. Additionally, the students need to be able to determine if they have enough time for things. For example, if it takes 30 minutes to do chores, and you have to be to school by 8:00, what time should you wake up in the morning? This type of critical thinking is important to truly understanding the concept of time. Thank you for your continued support in helping to reinforce these concepts at home!