

The 2S Gazette

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Howdy! I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving break. December is here and before you know it, it will be 2012! We have three more full weeks to go before the new year. A lot of people have asked about the last day before vacation. Friday, December 23rd, is a full day. Here are some things we've been doing.

We've been reading some nature stories lately. This week we learned about what it's like to be a park ranger. Next week we'll learn about life around a pond and then we'll read one of my favorite's, Owl Moon. We'll then be reading lots of fables and acting them out using puppets and other theatrical means when we return in the new year.

We had our math test on measurement and shapes today. Next week we'll start working with all sorts of story problems. We'll also start working on a "Doubles Chart" next week. We're trying to have all the kids memorize their double ($2+2$, $6+6$ ect.) facts along with double plus 1 ($6+7$) and double plus 2 ($6+8$) to help them speed up their adding.

We started a new unit on map skills last week. We learned about all of the directions and started investigating the continents and oceans. Ask your child if they can name them!

We went to see a preview and make a wish list at the book fair this morning. On Monday during our regular library time of 2:00, we'll be able to buy books. If you'd like your child to buy a book, please send the money in with them on Monday. You can join us there if you'd like!

The school will be having the annual winter concert on Tuesday, the 13th. Please drop your child off in the room by 6:10pm. Hope to see you there!

If you can, please send in 2 bags of stuffing mix for our school's Red Stocking food collection. The bags will be collected on Monday the 12th.

This week's student of the week is Matthew Strem! The week before Thanksgiving our winner was Jayden Coyle! Great work guys! Keep it going!

Please remember string instruments and library books on Mondays.

Have a nice weekend!

Chip and Jayne