

The 2S Gazette

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Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed the holiday break. I told the kids that the rest of the year breaks down pretty simply. We'll have five more weeks before Feb. vacation. There will be six more before April vacation and eight weeks after April, they'll be heading upstairs to third grade! We have a lot of things to cover though before the year is through. Here's a long overdue update on what's happening in 2S.

As always, we are busy with language arts. We just finished a diagnostic test (GRADE) to measure everyone's progress. We also did our second round of DIBELS and it looks like everyone is progressing nicely. Our new theme is about neighborhoods. (There is some info on the back page.) We read a story about a Chinatown and this week we're reading about a firehouse. (The next time you are on Main St. in Falmouth, point out the station to the kids. It should look quite familiar to them.) We also are writing a friendly letter to a famous person of our choice and soon will be working with one of my favorite books, *The Snowman*.

We are well into our new math section. It deals with place value, adding 2 digit numbers and a little bit of money. Some of the concepts might be a little fuzzy, so if you have any questions, please write us a note or give us a call.

Our world maps are looking great and should be up on the wall outside soon. Your child should be able to tell you the names of the 7 continents and 4 oceans. AAAANSE/APIA

Winter is finally here! Hopefully, we'll have some more snow soon! When we have more than a couple of inches, the kids need to have boots to play outside. If they want to play "in" the snow they'll also need snow pants. And as always, hats and gloves are a must!

Last week's student of the week was **Abner Oliveira**. Before that, our winner was **Brendan Donnelly**. Congratulations **Abner and Brendan!** Keep up the good work!

Mrs. "D" and I would like to thank everyone for your thoughtful notes, goodies and generous gifts. It's always a joy to see the children's excitement and anticipation during the holidays. Thank you all very much!

Have a nice week!

Chip and Jayne

