

News From 2F!

Friday January 6, 2012!

Happy New Year! We are off to a great start! Our classroom had some new changes in it when the students returned after vacation. I rearranged furniture and it gave a fresh start to the new year.

We began our week with thinking about the goals we wanted to have for our classroom to begin 2012. Together we came up with 5 social goals and 5 academic goals. We have already begun to work towards them!

This week has been time to assess reading skills again. The GRADE assessment was given to the whole group and I am reading with students individually using the DIBELS assessment. This helps us be able to redefine the goals for each student. Please remember reading at home is the practice your child needs to become the best reader they can be. Our Literacy Workshop time will resume next week on Tuesday. We have looked at the second grade as a whole again and have shuffled some of the groups. Your child may or may not be with a different teacher or students. Again this time is set aside to support students in groups with similar needs.

Next week we will be moving on with a new theme in reading and spelling lists will come home again. We have been taking our spelling tests in our journals so that we can keep a record of our growth. Again helping students think about spelling patterns (short vowel, magic "e" for long vowels, and vowel teams) and whether the word "looks right" are the cues we are using to help spelling to become more fluent.

In math we had a mini Geometry Unit. We reviewed perimeter and then met some more kinds of categories of shapes: Parallelograms and Quadrilaterals. We worked on sorting them. We learned that all four sided shapes are quadrilaterals, and that squares are rectangles too, and that a square and a rectangle is a parallelogram. Next week we will be moving into adding double digit numbers. EXCITING!

A few reminders:

No more toys for share time! Children may share once a week.

LUNCH BILLS...went home. Please make sure you keep your child's account current.

Hats and mittens....recess can get cold! Keeping an extra set at school is helpful.

Thank you again for all your help. Have a great weekend.

Jennifer and Debbie