

News From 2F!

Friday January 20, 2012

Happy Chinese New Year January 23rd! It is the year of the Dragon! We just read "Chinatown" in our reading theme, so it is perfect timing! So great when those moments match to make learning "real life"! The children made travel brochure for Chinatown too! They did a great job! Also our Scholastic News helped us learn about the traditions of this holiday.

Our class received letters from our Pen Pals at the Tisbury School. We are working on letters to send back to them.

In math we are learning about place value and the importance it plays in adding bigger numbers. We have been practicing our "secret codes" for showing numbers using ones and ten sticks. Having our ones and tens in bundles of 5's helps us read the number faster. The children will be writing the numbers as well as the pictures(secret code) as we begin to add numbers that have regrouping. We have played a few games to help us know how to "change 10 ones into a 10 stick". Counting nickels, dimes and pennies are helping us learn the coins, their value and how we begin using the biggest coin to count change. It is also connecting ones to pennies and tens to dimes.

Our reading homework will be changing so please be on the look out for different reading and/or writing homework. We know that some students are natural readers and others need prompting to get out a book. In Second Grade students do transition from learning to read to reading for content/pleasure and because students are at different levels, different reading homework is necessary. The only way students will become better readers is by reading. The extra practice has to come from outside of school. I will not be sending home a Reading Log or books to read, instead I am shifting my focus to writing and reading. Your child may need to practice spelling/sight

words, or writing sentences, or practice comprehension skills. This homework will be in addition to the math homework, however they may not have reading every night. Please remember I am still advocating that students read every night, but I am not asking you keep track anymore. Having them read to you is the best way for them to build their fluency! It is a great way for you to see how they are reading too.

Have a great weekend! We may even get some snow!! Winter might finally be here!

Jennifer and Debbie

REMINDERS:

Recess and snow....if we do have snow on the ground, please send boots in for your child(don't forget shoes too as we will take boots off!). Snow pants are optional. We use them for warmth more than snow play. Thank you!

LUNCH MONEY!

Library on Tuesdays!