

## January News

Dear families,

Happy New Year to all! I hope 2019 brings health and happiness to your families. The students got right back into the routine and look forward to some exciting upcoming units and events.

In math, students are finishing topic 5. The children are subtracting 2-digit numbers using strategies to solve equations. The strategies that we are practicing are: hundred chart, open number line, break apart and compensation. We will be starting topic 6 in another week. This topic will teach the students how to fluently subtract within 100. They are learning how to regroup for subtraction. This can be a challenging concept for children. Lots of practice will be needed. If second graders continue to practice their math facts, addition and subtraction up to 20, this will help them greatly in this process. Please continue to work on these facts at home.

In reading, we are continuing to read non-fiction text. The students are using text features to help them determine the important information. We have discussed text structures and will be practicing highlighting and writing information in your own words. After, we will be writing animal reports.

During the month of January we will continue to review map skills through our Flat Stanley project. The students are beginning to locate the 7 continents and the 5 oceans on a world map. Another major concept within this unit is the understanding of the relationships from town, state, country, continent and world.

We will begin a unit in Physical Science on Matter and its Interactions. We will discuss the properties of matter, friction and will be doing engineering projects.

The Holidays Around the World cultural festival was a great

success. A big thank you to the room parents who did a fabulous job coordinating and organizing materials as well as the many volunteers. The students did a great job with their home projects. I enjoyed learning about your families' customs and traditions. Very creative!

We will continue to have recess outdoors through the winter as long as the temperature remains above 20 degrees. Please be sure to bundle up your second grader.

Thank you for all your support!

Mrs. Ennis