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January News in Mrs. Taylor's Second Grade



How-to & Holiday Celebrations

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend our hot cocoa and how-to book event and holiday music program. It was so nice to see you here at school! An additional thank you to those who donated treats, paper goods, and more to our book celebration and to Mrs. Chaffee and Mrs. Crocker for coming in to help us make snowman soup the week before break. You all made the holiday season so special for our class! I hope you all enjoyed family time over the break and are ready for an amazing new year ahead!

Biographies

In reading, we have just begun a unit on biographies with a focus on the leaders of the Civil Rights movement. This study has tied in with our social studies standards involving reading timelines, citizenship, and distinction between past and present. Students have studied primary source photographs to understand what segregation looked like and are currently reading, discussing, and writing about the biographies of Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and Ruby Bridges, among others.

Math

Our current math unit focuses on two and three-digit subtraction. We have begun to explore these concepts using number lines, number grids, and various manipulatives. These hands-on experiences are a fantastic way for students to start to build an understanding of the traditional algorithms, which will be introduced in the near future. When working on math homework, I encourage you to ask your child to explain his or her thinking and process using some of the vocabulary introduced in class. If your child can successfully teach you, it is probably safe to say that his or her understanding of the topic is solid! Homework this month will be a mix of workbook pages and IXL. Please continue to reference your child's agenda for the day's assignment.

A Note from Your Child

Dates to Remember in January

2nd Grade Bake Sale	1/11	Friendship Games	1/17
Spell-a-thon Due	1/25	Library Bus	1/28
Timeline Project Due	2/1		