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# *March News in Mrs. Taylor's Second Grade*



## **Thank You**

Thanks to all those who donated goodies for our Valentine's Day celebration and contributed to our book raffle. We had a lovely time and raised money for spring field trips. More information on field trips to follow next month.

## **Folktales**

In language arts, we continue our genre study of folktales this month. Students have had many opportunities to compare and contrast folktales from various cultures, with some fun fractured folktales also added to the mix. Students have also discussed lessons we can learn from these tales and the character traits we can attribute to each character. From here, we will go on to look at the specific subgenres of fairy tales and fables. Ask your child to tell you about some of the stories we have enjoyed together so far!

## **Midyear Testing**

Midyear testing is now complete. Students are making strong progress in both math and reading. Many thanks to all of you for your support at home. If you would like to discuss your child's test scores or have any questions about his or her progress, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## **Science**

In science we have just completed our study of erosion and weathering. Students have enjoyed studying photos of eroded landscapes and several hands-on demonstrations.

Up next, we will begin a new unit on materials and their properties. Students will be observing various materials and considering which properties make them a good or poor choice for specific uses. We are also testing materials to see which are strongest, most absorbent, and more!

## **Materials and Supplies**

This month, we are in need of donations of recycled materials for our science and engineering activities. Please see the note that went home. Many thanks to those that have already contributed materials! We will be putting them to good use very soon!

## **A Note from Your Child**

## **Dates to Remember in March**

March 15 Scholastic Book Order Due

March 22 Authors' Tea Writing Celebration at 1:30