

January 27, 2017

What's Been Happening....

Language Arts

We read Soyung Pak's story, Dear Juno, and analyzed the overall structure of a story. We know the beginning introduces the story (characters, setting, sets up the plot), and he ending concludes the actions. Skills covered this week include: spelling words with long vowel /o/; understanding prefixes; and verbs with singular & plural nouns. We also reviewed author's purpose as a comprehension strategy. During writing we practiced writing friendly letters. Each student wrote a letter to a child in one of the following places: Colorado, North Carolina, Washington, Vietnam.

We look forward to sending the letters as well as some

of our Flat Stanley adventures around the globe. If Flat Stanely hasn't made his way into your home yet...he will shortly. ⁽³⁾ Thanks to those families that have already helped with this fun activity. Finally, we used the Recap! app multiple times this week. Recap provides teachers with a new way to gather evidence of student thinking using video. We've found that the kids enjoy recording video repsonses however they are not always answering the questions asked. Over the weekend we will post some Recap responses on Seesaw. If needed, please review the importance of following directions and/or asking for clarification with your second grader.

Math

We are nearing the end of the trimester so students are being assessed on a variety of Number & Operations in Base Ten standards.

Science/Social Studies

We wrapped up our matter unit while having a little fun with gases and chemical change. Next week we will jump into our World Communities unit. We will be "traveling" to Mexico, China, and India over the next several weeks. Students will be learning about geography, economy, history, government, and culture of each country. Our first stop will be Mexico. Stay tuned for information about a family project that will focus on your culture and traditions.

Next week:

Mrs. Boston: Tuesday & Wednesday Mrs. Kosieniak: Monday, Thursday & Friday

Coming up.... MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

2/2 & 2/3 - Hoops for Heart in gym
2/17 - end of Trimester 2; Family BINGO night
2/20- No School: Presidents' Day
2/23- Tri 2 PBIS celebration assembly

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Valentine's Day is coming

up... Room 102 will celebrate Valentine's Day by decorating goodie bags and exchanging valentines. It is not a party, so please don't send extravagant treats. If you decide to bring in valentines, please make sure to include everyone. There are 17 students in our class. A class list will be sent home next week so you can start filling out valentines.

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