### **Second Grade News**

## Week of December 11, 2023

## **Important Reminders**

- Check your child's folder and agenda book for notes or important items that may need to be returned to school.
- Please encourage your child to bring a book from home for independent reading time.
- Please remind your child to bring a refillable water bottle every day to school.
- Friday is Spirit Day! Your student may wear jeans and a Forest Park T-Shirt.

## Weekly Objectives

### **READING + WRITING:**

- Text: Wrapping up our study of the American West with <u>John Henry: an American Legend</u> by Ezra Jack Keats and <u>Legend of the Bluebonnet</u> by Tomie dePaola
- Author study of Tomie dePaola
- Vocabulary: legend, murmuring, thunderous, steadily, sprawling, dynamite, locomotive, coal
- Grammar: Collective nouns

#### PHONICS:

- Multisyllabic words with/without suffixes
- Focus Words: public, combat, invented, dentist, thankful, kindness, childish, insist, always, once

### MATH:

• Unit 3: Measuring Length with Metric and Standard Units

#### **SCIENCE:**

• Erosion and Earth's Surfaces

## **Upcoming Events**

Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Class Holiday Parties and Free Dress Day!

Saturday, Dec. 16th – Winter Break begins!

Wednesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Students return to class

# **Helping Your Child**

## at Home

Homework this year will focus on creating lifelong reader habits and providing practice that students can complete in 15 minutes or less.

# Monday- Thursday:

- -Family Reading Reflection
- -Math Practice holiday regrouping
- -Be kind!

# **Conversation Starters**

- How can you be helpful during the winter break? How can you be kind?
- What are some things you can do to help animals during winter when food can be scarce?