



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.

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?

Learning Objectives

READING + WRITING:

- Text: Wrapping up our study of the American West with John Henry: an American Legend by Ezra Jack Keats and Legend of the Bluebonnet 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

Important Dates

Friday, Dec. 15th – Class Holiday Parties and Free Dress Day!

Saturday, Dec. 16th – Winter Break begins!

Wednesday, Jan. 3rd – Students return to class