

THE STROHFUS STAR

Mrs. Strohfus' 2nd Grade Newsletter - 1/19/12

The Cold is Here!

Upcoming Dates

February 9th:

Pajama Day

February 10th

Valentine's Dance

February 15th and 16th

Spring Conferences

More Information Later!

February 25th

Ed Fest-A Great Time!

Mark your calendars!



BRRRR!

REMINDERS

***** **RECESS** *****

And Dismissal

We will dismiss on the playground as usual during the COLD months and students may often have outside recess. Please remember this when making decisions about clothes, socks/shoes, and coats in the morning!!!

Spelling: Next week's spelling words are printed on the back to save paper.

Math: Our work with cube **arrays** (for example, 3 rows of 5 cubes equals 15 cubes) is laying the foundation for multiplication. We are not memorizing multiplication tables (like I did in school when I was this age!). We are working on understanding the concept of multiplication and quick recall of multiplication facts will come later.

Reading: Our read aloud, *An Amazing Octopus*, by Patricia Lauber gave us a chance to talk about main idea and supporting details. Our shared reading about ants will allow us to learn more about text organization and non-fiction text features. We will find the main ideas and look for supporting details as we read. This work will help us discover how authors organize their writing.

Writing: We read *When I Was Little: A Four Year Olds Memoir of Her Youth*, by Jamie Lee Curtis. **Such a cute story!** Please talk with your child about a few things from when he/she was little. This week we are practicing retell and plot summary. Then we will follow the plot of this Jamie Lee Curtis story to create a story of our own.

Science: Soon, I will be sending home information about inventing an instrument at home to share with the class. If you have not had a chance to read the Magic School Bus book, *Inside the Haunted House*, you may want to check it out. It could give you some ideas. This week we are discussing the sound starter, as well as what makes the sound.

Please contact me with any questions at michelle_strohfus@dpsk12.org.

Week 21 Spelling

Spelling List: Vowel Sound in tall

tall paw Review

saw ball all

dog yawn walk

draw log

call small Challenge

fall awful

soft wallpaper

Our **Spelling Test** will be on **Friday, January 27, 2012**. Please help your child review the 12 words with the sounds of “c” and “g” in them. I’ve attached homework to help you with this review. We will be working on them in class, too. All of these words will be on the test. Thanks for our help.

Specials Schedule

Below is the schedule that our class will follow **January 23th through January 27th**.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Music	Music	Music	Music	Music



Please remember to have your child **wear gym shoes** on the days he/she has **PE**. Students **MUST** wear these shoes all day. We **DON'T** have time to change shoes!!

