

# The Strohfus Star

Mrs. Strohfus' 2nd Grade Newsletter 2/16/12

## Why is Feb. 21st a Holiday?

### Upcoming Dates

February 17<sup>th</sup>

Box tops are due!

February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

NO SCHOOL!

February 25<sup>th</sup>

Ed Fest-A Great Time!

Mark your calendars!

**Spring Break is the last week of March!**

**No School the week of March 26<sup>th</sup> – March 30<sup>th</sup>.**



It's President's Day, which honors two presidents who had birthdays in February - Lincoln on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> and Washington on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. When is Pres. Obama's? (Answer on back)

### REMEMBER

**REMEMBER** being late to school in the morning means your child misses important learning time.

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**Last chance to send Box Tops!**

**Box Tops are due tomorrow!  
February 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Spelling:** You'll find next weeks' Spelling List on the back.

**Math:** We began to explore fractions. To help your child practice, find things at home that are in sets (perhaps – slices of pizza, a box of markers/crayons, or chairs at your kitchen table). Have your child tell you what fraction one piece of the set would be. For example, one slice of pizza might be  $\frac{1}{8}$  of the whole pizza. We're building fractions. The bottom number tells us how many parts the whole is divided into and the top number tells us how many pieces are shaded. For example, a circle is divided into four parts and one part, or  $\frac{1}{4}$ , is shaded. The four on the bottom tells us that the circle is divided into 4 parts and the one on top tells us that 1 part is shaded. This week, we talked about how a bigger number on the bottom of a fraction means that the parts are smaller. Before now, a bigger number always meant that you had more of something. This is difficult to accept at first, but with practice your child will understand.

**Reading:** In reading this week, we are reading about brothers and sisters. We are discussing how babies change family life, how brothers and sisters get along sometimes and other times they might not. We are learning that when we make a generalization, we make a statement about something that is usually true. For example, a student could make the generalization that, "Teacher's always give homework." For the most part, this statement would be most often true.

**Writing:** We continue to take notes, about wolves, in writing. This week we are writing diamond poems about wolves. This was actually fun and the students enjoyed sharing them with their classmates.

**Social Studies:** We continue to learn about communities in social studies.

Please contact me with any questions at [michelle\\_strohfus@dpsk12.org](mailto:michelle_strohfus@dpsk12.org).

## Week 25

Spelling List: Review

**No spelling test for this review!** Please help your child review all words. I've attached homework to help you with this review. We will be working on them in class, too. Thank you for your help!

## Specials Schedule

Below is the schedule that our class will follow Feb. 22nd – Feb. 25th.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	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!!



President Obama's Birthday: August 4, 1961