

Room 2 News

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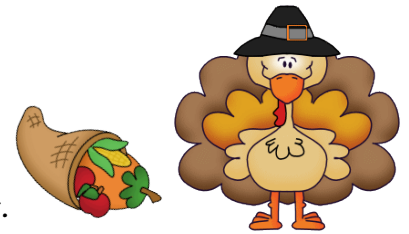
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THERE WILL BE NO ROOM NEWS NEXT WEEK! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!

Important Reminders

- Conferences: November 20 (4:30-7:30 pm)
- Tuesday, November 21 - Early Release Day @ 12:15
- Wednesday, November 22 to Friday, November 24 - NO SCHOOL
- November Reading Log - due Thursday, November 30
- I am no longer checking planners. Therefore, please remember that it is your child's responsibility to record all homework in his/her planner.
- Library books - due Tuesdays (students can renew if they want)
- Be sure to check out www.missrosenthal.com for class updates and calendar.
- Please email or call if you have any questions and/or concerns.



Reading Workshop - We finished our first reading workshop unit titled, Interpreting Characters. This week, readers built central interpretations, found meanings in recurring details, and reflected on the unit. They created bookmarks as a final project. Please remind your child that he/she should read at least **20 minutes each night and record it on the November Reading Log homework**. If you have any questions about the reading homework, including book levels, please feel free to email me. Thanks so much for having book talks with your child and encouraging him/her to read aloud nightly. The only way to become a better reader is to read! We will be checking reading logs every Friday, so please make sure he/she keeps it in the homework pocket so he/she can earn classroom economy money!

Writing Workshop - We finished our writing workshop unit this week titled, The Arc of Story: Realistic Fiction. This week writers finished writing the final copy of their stories and shared with friends. They will be displayed in the hallway after Thanksgiving break! They also wrote another personal narrative story and we practiced grammar.

Math - We took a break from math lessons and continued to review multi-digit multiplication. They took addition and subtraction quizzes. Please remember that math homework is due the following day and it is checked in class together. Students must practice addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts at home for a few minutes each night. We will have timed multiplication quizzes after Thanksgiving break with all facts 0-10. It is essential that students know the basic facts (+ - x) very quickly so that they can master more difficult math concepts. After Thanksgiving break, we will be starting division!

Word Work - We continued word study this week. There are three word work groups (yellow, green, and blue), which are based on the students' spelling level. Ask your child about the speed sort, blind sort, gluing the sort, and assessment. All word work is done in class, but each student will receive a list of their words to practice at home. Students are expected to know the patterns, how to spell the words, where the words belong, and apply those pattern skills to new words. We continued high frequency word (HFW) assessments this week. Please have your child keep the high frequency word packet in the spelling pocket. Each Monday we will write the test date next to the words. This week they had the assessment on words #46-50. I am noticing that students are still struggling with memorizing the high frequency words. It is crucial that these words are studied for a few minutes a night to ensure correct spelling when they are writing everyday. Thank you so much for all of your help with the HFW! Please remember that if your child gets 3 or more wrong, he/she will have HFW homework the following week.

Social Studies - Mrs. Waffenschmidt traveled back to Italy and toured Pompeii. Next week students will color a Thanksgiving placemat and we will create a multicultural class Christmas tree! We also started a fun yearlong project by writing postcards to pen pals around the United States!

Olweus Anti-Bully Meetings - We continued our anti-bully meetings this week by reading a book about bullying and went to an assembly.

Unit of Inquiry - We continued our second unit of inquiry, which is titled "Power to the People!" The unit focuses on our central idea: systems are in place to maintain order. During this unit we will focus on the United States government. This week students learned about the powers our federal government and the three branches. They took a quiz on the three branches of our government. Next week we will learn about checks and balances and how bills become laws. Students should study their IB notes each night. There will be assessments throughout the unit to make sure they understand the concepts. They will receive a small booklet with notes for each inquiry question throughout the unit. We focused on the IB Attitude integrity this week. We read many books and brainstormed times we showed integrity. The students made the paper quilt and write about integrity next week.

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Attitude

Having integrity and a firm sense of fairness and honesty.