

Welcome December!

## Ms. Turcot's Second Grade Newsletter

Dear Families and Friends,

I hope that you all had a wonderful vacation. It was nice to speak with you at conferences and tell you about the progress that your child has made so far in second grade.

### Reading Workshop

We began reading the Pinky and Rex series by James Howe for read aloud. As we read this series we will be making inferences about the main characters, Pinky and Rex. We will support our claims by using evidence about what the characters did, said, thought, or felt. The students have continued to read in a series with their guided reading groups. However, we are now keeping track of what they are like along the way. This is helping us make predictions for what we think the characters will do.

### Writing Workshop

In Writing Workshop, we brainstormed how we are like characters and how we have traits just like them. We each wrote about what is important about us as well as traits that describe us. We did this after reading The Important Book by Margret Wise Brown. It has been interesting to read what we each find important about ourselves.

### Everyday Math

We began the week by discussing and using different strategies for adding 2-digit numbers. We also did an exploration on finding the length and area for a variety of objects. We finished the week by making ballpark estimates. We talked about how estimates can help us to decide whether an answer is reasonable to an addition problem based on what we get for an estimate. Next week, we will learn about the partial sums addition algorithm.

### Other Important Information

We did not have the H1N1 flu clinic that was originally scheduled for December 1st. I am not sure when the next one will be. I will let you know as soon as I hear something. Thank you.

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### Upcoming Events

**December 4, 2009:**

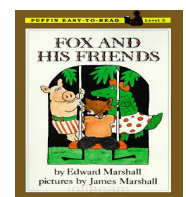
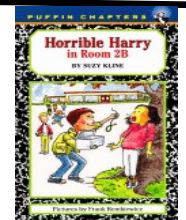
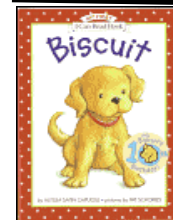
The first trimester ends

**December 11, 2009:**

Report Cards sent home in  
Friday Folder

**December 23, 2009:**

Holiday Sing-A-Long at  
1:30



Here are the books that we are reading in a series.

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