



Welcome February!

Ms. Turcot's Second Grade Newsletter

Dear Families and Friends,

It's hard to believe but next Wednesday, February 10th will be our 100th day of school! Students have been asking if they can bring 100 of something from home. It is not a requirement but if they would like to share 100 beans, dice, buttons etc. from home, they are welcome to do so.

Next week we will celebrate Friendship Day on Friday, February 12th. If your child would like, they may make cards, notes, etc. for their classmates. However, if they decide to do that, there must be one for each child in the class. I will attach a class list if you need to know how many kids are in our class.

Reading Workshop

In our Guided Reading Groups we have been taking what we learned about non-fiction writing and seeing how it plays a role in the books we are reading as a group. The groups have been learning about coral reefs, pandas, wolves, reptiles, and many other interesting things in nature.

We also read an article in our most recent *National Geographic Explorer* about endangered parrots and what people can do to help them.

Writing Workshop

Last week we worked with Mrs. Duggan to find information and resources in the Learning Center that were about our endangered species. This week, we took all of our books and articles and began the research. We found lots of information on where it lives in the world, what its habitat is like, what it eats, who its predators are, and special adaptations it has for survival. The final step in our research is to find out why it's endangered and what we can do to help.

Other Important Information

Remember that we have a field trip on February 9th at the Audubon Center. We will spend a lot of our time outside so make sure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing (hat, mittens, boots, snow pants, and warm socks).

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Upcoming Events

February 9, 2010:
Audubon Field Trip
8:45-12:00

February 10, 2010:
100th Day of School

February 12, 2010:
Friendship Day

Everyday Math

In Unit 7 we have continued working on 2-digit subtraction problems. We also created multiplication number stories. Lastly, we worked on patterns that involved doubles and halves.

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