

Welcome February!

Ms. Turcot's Second Grade Newsletter

Dear Families and Friends,

As part of our "Animal Tales" unit, we went to the Audubon Center in Huntington, Vermont. We learned about Vermont animals and the special adaptations that they have in order to survive the cold winters. We also learned how to classify animal tracks.

Thank you to all of the parents who joined us on this field trip. It was very helpful to have you all!

Reading Workshop

For read aloud, we started a book from the new *Calendar Mysteries* series by Ron Roy. The story is called January Joker. The author also wrote the *A to Z Mysteries*.

The students have continued to read non-fiction books in their guided reading groups.

Writing Workshop

Now that we have collected all of our information on our endangered species we began writing about them. The writing that we do will be our outline for the Photostory that we create. The storyline that we came up with is about a brother and sister who go to a zoo. When they are at the zoo, they see a sign that says "Endangered Species." They decide to find out what that means...

Everyday Math

This week we did explorations on making patterns and sharing money equally. We also collected data on how far we jump and our arm span. We used the data and found the median (middle value) within small groups as well as the whole class. Later in the week, we used the collected data to create a graph.

Other Important Information

Next Thursday, the 18th, the second graders will be doing two dances from different countries and singing/leading three songs. This will be for the school assembly at 8:15.

Please remember that there is no school February 20th until March 2nd. The students will return to school on **Wednesday** the 3rd.

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Upcoming Events

February 12, 2010:
Friendship Day

February 18, 2010:
Assembly featuring 2nd
Grade Musical Showcase

Feb.20 - Mar.2, 2010:
School Vacation



Kristen was showing us how to discover and compare different animal tracks in the snow.

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