



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Newsletter

for the  
Week Ending December 16, 2011

## Math

This week we started Unit 3, reviewed story problem strategies and vocabulary and have been working on number strings with three or four addends. Students should continue practicing doubles ( $10+10=20$ ,  $9+9=18$ ,  $8+8=16$ ) and combinations of ten ( $1+9=10$ ,  $2+8=10$ ,  $3+7=10$ ).

## Literacy

We continue to work on fluency reading smoothly in phrased units and using the punctuation to read with expression. We have been introducing the different formats of dialogue: parts (scripts); talking bubbles; and quotation marks to help students read for understanding.

## High Frequency Word Work

We are wrapping up our study of the first two high frequency spelling lists before the holidays. The next list will be coming home in January. These are words all second-graders need to be able to read and write by the end of second grade.



## Cultural Highlights

This week we are highlighting Mexico and China in the homework packet. Students have been studying a culture in their classroom and will have the opportunity to experience three different cultures on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> during our Cultures Around the World Festivities.



## Winterwear Needs

We go out for recess everyday except when the temperature dips below zero degrees or when it rains. Please let us know if your child needs winter outerwear. We will contact the resources necessary to get your child appropriate cold-weather clothing and footwear.

## Next Week

Monday is our cultural studies day; Tuesday we'll finish projects; Wednesday is our school-wide, positive behavior, goal-meeting movie and popcorn day; and Thursday is an early release day before the holiday break.

## Health and Happiness This Holiday Season