



CLASSROOM TIMES

February 2016

Reading

During this month, we will complete our study of Unit 2. Upcoming themes include “Natural Connections” and “Animals All Around.” The reading strategies and skills covered in these themes include: **summarizing, finding the main idea and key details, recognizing meter and rhyme, and understanding point of view.** Please discuss the weekly stories from both the Reading/Writing Workshop text and the Anthology to reinforce these skills at home.

In writing, all of our students are submitting entries into the Young Authors story contest. In the past few weeks, the students have had the opportunity to create a story map and work on a rough

draft of their story in class. Students are responsible for completing their final copy at home. (Parents—you are welcome to check your child’s spelling, grammar, etc., but ultimately the entry should reflect the student’s independent work.) The students have been so creative with these stories, and I am looking forward to reading them all!

Envisions Math 2.0

We have four lessons left in unit 3 before preparing for the unit assessment. If you would like to help your child ahead of time check out the re-teaching pages at the end of the lesson/unit 3. I strongly encourage my students to practice math facts on a daily

basis. Topic 4 brings us closer to using strategies and properties to multiply by 2 digit numbers.

Science

Upcoming areas of study in our science STEMscopes program include light reflection and renewable/nonrenewable resources. The students are really enjoying the opportunity to further explore these science concepts through various hands-on activities and experiments. Upcoming investigations will include constructing a periscope and testing how light passes through various materials. Thank you for your continued support in bringing in items for these experiments. For next week, any donations of the cardboard tubes from paper towel and/or toilet paper rolls would be very much appreciated!

One Love One District on Saturday, March 5th at Gaelic Park from 7pm-11pm. Please support our district, community, and our kids!

Support ans show you love with a T-shirt. Order forms go home Monday.

Remember to keep reading 20 minutes each day! February reading logs are due on Tuesday, March 1st.



Valentine’s Day will be celebrated on Friday, 2/12. If you are passing out Valentines, remember to bring one for each member of the class! (We have 25 students. I will send home a class list for you to use when writing out cards. xxoo

Important Dates To Remember

- Tuesday, 2/9: *El Deafó* One District, One Book Event @ South-Our Class read the book aloud this month.6:00-7:30 pm
- Friday, 2/12: Classroom Valentine’s Day Party
- Monday, 2/15: Presidents’ Day—No School (if no emergency days used)
- Friday, 2/25 Young Authors Book—due
- Monday, 2/22: East Book Fair begins
- ~~Wednesday, 2/24: Family Book Night~~

