



News From Mrs. Mahana's 2nd Grade

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Book Orders

The November book order went home today. This month I sent home 3 catalogs; one for the regular November order, a second catalog for Holiday Books (there are many gift choices for the holidays) and the third catalog is for the software that Scholastic offers (all at great prices!) I am asking that any orders be returned no later than November 20 for all three catalogs. Remember that you can always place the order online at <http://scholastic.com/parentsordering>. Our user name is mrsmahanasclass and our password is goravens. Please contact me if you have any questions!

SOAR Student

Every month one student from our class is chosen as our SOAR student. SOAR students work really hard all month and demonstrate the SOAR traits everyday. They get their picture taken to hang in the front of the school and get a really neat certificate. SOAR student for October is Carter! Way to Go!!!

Reading Together During the Holidays

Every year, 2nd grade hosts an event titled "Reading Together During the Holidays." During this event, families are asked to write their child a short book or poem but keep it a secret from their child. In December, we have an evening when families come to school with their children and read what they have written for their child. It is always so neat to watch the kids receive their books from the parents! Please keep this event in mind as just another activity for you to do as a family during the month of December. More information will be coming home about this event next week.



Germs, Germs, Germs

In order to protect us from the spreading of germs, our class has been practicing habits to keep us healthy. We have been coughing and sneezing into our elbows, using hand sanitizer and washing our hands frequently. We also wipe our desks with disinfecting wipes everyday before we go home. We are quickly going through our wipes. **PLEASE SEND IN 1-2 TUBS OF DISEN- FECTING WIPES** so we can continue to disinfect our classroom daily. I also want to thank all of the families that have sent in hand sanitizer. We can never have too much so please feel free to send in hand sanitizer when you can! Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

We Are Working On:

Reading: We are continuing to ensure that our reading levels are at 30 or higher by the end of 2nd grade. Our Literature Circles are in full swing and the kids are doing so well! Keep up the good work!

Writing: We are continuing to learn how to write paragraphs. We want all of our paragraphs to have a topic sentence, three supporting sentences, and a conclusion sentence.

Math: We will continue to be practicing our doubles facts, time, money, place value, and beginning algebraic patterns.

Science: We started our unit on Soils and Rocks. We will look at the properties of 3 different types of soil. We will also be performing experiments to determine which type of soil is best to grow plants and what growing plants need in order to survive.

Social Studies: We will examine and locate specific information on globes and maps (i.e. continents and oceans.) We will also make models of different landforms.