

MRS. GUBLER'S  
CLASSROOM NEWS  
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READING

We are currently working on the theme of Working Together in our reading books. We are reading realistic fiction, folk tales, animal fantasy and nonfiction stories. I hope that you have noticed that on the back of each weekly homework guide there is a complete explanation of our Reading focus for the week. We have been lucky to find several websites on the internet that provide extra resources for the Scott Foresman Reading series. Most students are doing a great job logging in their nightly reading. Keep up the good work!

We continue to work in small groups Monday - Wednesday to target instruction to the needs of our students. These groups allow us to teach the skills to improve comprehension, fluency, phonics and vocabulary for all reading abilities.

LANGUAGE

We continue to work on Nouns. We have learned about common nouns and proper nouns. We are beginning to learn the difference between singular nouns and plural nouns. We are reading examples of Personal Narratives in preparation for writing a better personal narrative of our own. Kids have many stories to tell about themselves. We will work to make them interesting and fun to read.

MATH

We have just completed the Chapter 2 Test from the Math program. In this chapter we tested their knowledge of addition facts and concepts. Chapter 3 will focus on using addition/subtraction facts and

strategies. Please help your child learn these facts. It is so important to their math success.

### HOMEWORK

When checking your child's homework, please look for neatness, capitals, end marks and noticing if the sentences make sense.

Encourage them to check their own work before showing it to you.

It is important for students to have high standards for their work. It leads to increased effort and pride in their own abilities.

### PEACEBUILDERS

November and December are months we work in service to others. Each year the second grade class works on a community project called "Holiday Hope." We adopt a needy family, or two, and collect donations of necessities to make their holidays happier. You will receive a notice asking you and your student to come in and pick an ornament from our "Holiday Hope" tree. This ornament will have on it, one gift that would make this family's holidays a little easier.

### IMPORTANT DATES

11/1 Picture Day

11/1 PTO Mtg. 6:30

11/4 Grades Close

11/10 Veteran's Day Program

11/11 No School Veteran's Day

11/14 Report Cards go home

11/21 & 22 Parent/Teacher Conferences

11/21 & 22 Early Release Days

11/23 Early Release (No Lunch)

11/24 - 11/27 Thanksgiving Holiday

P.S.: TISSUES are always needed!! Thank you.