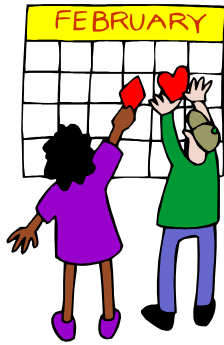


# Classroom Times

February 2012



Happy Birthday-  
Mrs. Richards 2/9, Ryan R. 2/5 and Alexa D.  
2/25

## What's happening in Room242???

### Math:

Students have just finished their January quarterly test. The test covered all students have learned this year in math, and it is worth two test grades. Students have been working on division with one digit divisors. In February, we will be reviewing area of rectangles. We will also begin dividing decimals and money, division by 2 digit divisors, and learning the area of polygons and parallelograms.

ELA: Students have completed their benchmark exams. We are beginning our new reading unit, and the theme is "How do people and animals adapt to difficult situations." The target skills for this unit include drawing conclusions, main idea, word structure, making predictions, and author's purpose.

Social Studies: We have started our unit on the three major pre-Columbian civilizations that existed in Central and South America (Mayas, Aztecs and Incas.) I believe students will enjoy learning about the rich cultures that existed during this time.





## Writing:

Students are working on a piece about a "Wise" person in their life. All pieces will be displayed. I will ask students to bring in a picture of their wise person to attach to their piece.

Students have one writing assignment to complete every two weeks. Students are given

the topic and tools to assist them in organizing their ideas. They are given time in class to work on their pieces. I have informed students that each piece must be completed by Tuesday (some short weeks Thursday) of each week. If they need more time, they should take their piece home.

## Internet Safety:

- **Set up rules:** Post clear, simple, easy-to-read rules on or near the computer.
- **Use filters:** Consider using filtering or monitoring software for your computers.
- **Check out privacy policies:** Always read a Web site's privacy policy before you or your children provide any personal information.
- **Talk about the dangers of e-mail and chat:** If your children use chat or e-mail, talk to them about never meeting an online "friend" face-to-face. Talk to your children about not responding to offensive or dangerous e-mail, chat or other communications.
- **Know what's going on:** Keep the computer in the family room or another open area of your home. Let your children show you what they can do online, and visit their favorite sites or chat rooms with them.

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## Notes:

Report Cards- Report cards went home on January 30th.

February Vacation- February vacation is the week of February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Internet Safety- An officer came to EFS to do an Internet Safety Program with students on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>.

MCAS- ELA testing will be given the last week of March. The Science and Math will be in early May.



