

# 2R March News

Dear Parents,

March 1, 2010

Here we are in March and it is amazing to see the growth and learning that has taken place in our classroom. March will be full of exciting events; report cards, Celebration of Learning, Kidzart, St. Patrick's Day, Lent, and Spring Break!

## Book Orders

Thanks to all the students and parents who participated in our "Classroom Care" project. We read 100 books together; so that 100 books will be given to kids in need. Congratulations to all the wonderful readers!

Scholastic book orders are due on Friday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010(checks only). I am hoping to have the books to send home before spring break.

## Spelling

The students have a spelling test on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be no spelling test on March 10<sup>th</sup> due to Celebration of Learning.

## Home Learning

Here is just a review of the home learning in 2R:

**Please make sure to read your child agenda and initial it daily.**

- 1- Reading for 15 minutes, at least five days a week. Fill in the book worm each time. To help build comprehension please ask your child questions about what they are reading.
- 2- Practice spelling words for 10 minutes, 4-5 nights a week. Tests are on Wednesdays. If your child's spelling unit is not completed in class time, then it will be sent for homework.
- 3- Math homework is occasionally sent home. Students are expected to be practicing their basic math facts at home.
- 4- If students are absent homework might be sent home to get caught up on.

### Curriculum Overview for the month of March:

- Language Learning we will be doing a variety of reading, writing, spelling, grammar, phonics and printing activities based around a couple of themes such as: St. Patrick's Day and Fairy Tales.
- Mathematics-addition subtraction facts to 18, two digit subtraction without re-grouping, two digit subtraction with re-grouping.
- Science- Hot and Cold Temperatures
- Social Studies- The students are paired up and they have been assigned a community (Meteghan, Iqaluit or Saskatoon) to research about the people.
- Religion- Lent
- Health- Safe use of Medication and proper hand washing

### Celebration of Learning

Report Cards will go home with your children on March 8th, 2010. Our "Celebration of Learning," will be on March 9th and 10th. Please send in your time request forms for the conferences as soon as possible to ensure that you get your 1<sup>st</sup> choice. I will be confirming your conference times and sending a note as soon as possible. On this evening, there will be a number of centers where your child will have the opportunity to show you what they have learned in each subject. The centers will take about an hour to complete. If you have any questions or concerns about the report card feel free to discuss them with me at any time during the Celebration of Learning.

### KidZart

The KidZart show will be on March 9th and 10th, while the "Celebration of Learning" is taking place. If your child would like to participate in the art show, please return the forms that were sent home as soon as possible.

### Religion- Lent

As part of our journey through the 40 days of Lent each child has picked a resolution that they will work on. As your child about what they chose for their Lent resolution. I've attached a Lenton Calendar that your child can work on at home.

### Fairy Tale Ball

As part of our Fairy Tale unit and a reward for all of the student's hard work, we will be having a "Fairy Tale Ball" on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. On this day the students will be working on fairy tale centers in the morning. In the afternoon, we will watch a fairy tale movie and eat popcorn. I ask that students dress up in a fairy tale costume on this day.

### Spring Break

Spring Break is the week of March 29- April 2nd. I strongly encourage you to read with your child during Spring Break.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our Celebration of Learning! Please call me at anytime if you have questions or concerns. Also, please remember to ensure that your child has proper outdoor clothing (mittens, hats, snow-pants etc), as well as a full change of clothes in their locker. Have a wonderful and relaxing Spring Break.

Sincerely,

Trisha Rudiger