

MRS BRIGGS' 2ND GRADE CLASS NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Date: 01-30-09

MASON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PLEASE NOTE

For the safety of our students:

*They are not permitted to come to the classroom before school begins.

*Please wait outside for your child at dismissal. This will keep our hallways clear and uncongested.

*Please provide an old towel or rag. It will be used in the bottom of your child's locker. That way wet boots can be stored in the locker and keep our hallways clear.

Valentine's Party

Our party will be on Friday February 13 from 1:30-2:30. Parents are invited to come. Please provide a valentine for each child (19). Here is a list of names:

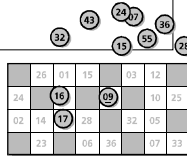
Kyle, Julia, Cicille, Jesse, Ross, Connor, Colin, Alex, Nick, Damon, Antonia, Carlo, Faylin, Blake, Emma, DeJuan, Deacon, Ardian, Owen

Ms. Bailey, our school social worker, did a lesson about bullies. We decided we wanted to be peacekeepers and be bully-free.

Math

We will have unit 6 math test on Tuesday. Our next unit is titled patterns and rules. You will receive a letter to outline this unit.

A special thanks to the PTO for candy bingo and an Everyday Math game night. Also, thanks go to Mrs. Listwan for making all the games for this event.



Writing

The students wrote a fictional and nonfiction paragraph writing sample. I will share these at conferences.

We attended an AWESOME assembly put on by Mrs. Lapensee's class. It was about the writing six + 1 traits: organization, ideas, voice, sentence fluency, word choice, conventions, and presentation.

We are excited to welcome Cicille to our class!

Reading

We continue to make super Text-to-Self connections and work on fluency. We have also added to our literacy rotation, working with words. These are activities that help students with the spelling of words, phonemic awareness and phonics (two of the five pillars of reading as stated by the National Reading Panel).

The students voted that the next reading party will be a drawing party. As always, keep marking reading time outside of school in the yellow section of your child's assignment book. Your child needs to read at least four hours (and you mark it) in order to attend.

For the last two Fridays, we have worked with Mrs. Lapensee's class to learn about profundity. Profundity offers students a higher level framework for comprehending texts. Our theme is believing in yourself. In addition, we also looked for the 6+1 traits from one of the stories. Next week we will get together to read and discuss *Amazing Grace*.

Important Dates:

	February	
NWEA Math and Reading Testing		3 & 5
Senior visit to play Valentine Bingo		12
Guest Teacher (I'm at an in-service) PM		12
Valentine's Day party from 1:30-2:30		13
Winter Break		16-20
Field trip to Provencial-Weir House	May 27	

Tid Bits

- Thank you to Mrs. Zontini for helping out in the classroom.
- We are looking for volunteers for Mystery Readers. They are on Fridays from 1:50-2:20. You bring in favorite book(s) and read to the class. If you want, you can bring a snack. Email me if you are interested at Cheryl.briggs@gpschools.org