

December 6, 2013

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IMPORTANT DATES

December 13th:

Holiday Open House (2nd grade = 12:20pm)

December 20th:

Winter Room parties (2:30-3:00pm)

<u>December 21-</u> <u>January 5th:</u> No School—Winter Break

<u>January 6th:</u> School resumes



Information and Events

- Changes in room 202: Room 202 will be undergoing a small transformation as we get ready for our room to be painted in mid-December. All posters, art work, and anchor charts will be taken off of the walls. These items will be put back up during the month of January. Our room will be painted on Wednesday, December 18th. On the 18th, we will be relocated to the mobile lab for the day. Thank you for understanding!
- * Holiday Open House: Paxton's Holiday Open House will be held on Friday, December 13th. Second grade will be the first grade to perform their holiday songs in the gym starting at 12:20pm. You are then welcome to come back to our classroom to view and enjoy posters Team Ronzio made about the science experiments they created and executed.
- * <u>Winter Room Party:</u> Our winter room party will be held on Friday, December 20th from 2:30-3:00pm.
- * Tennis Shoes for P.E: It is that time of year for the weather to be changing. If you would like your child to wear boots to school during bad weather, please make sure that they also pack their tennis shoes on C days. Tennis shoes are needed to participate in P.E. Thank you for understanding!
- Website: On our website, under the "Superstar Blog" tab, there is a survey for you and your family to complete. We will be using the data from this survey to create winter pictographs. Please complete the survey by Monday, December 9th. Thank you for your participation!



* What We've Been Doing





- * <u>Science</u>: We finished up our Earth's surface unit by comparing different landforms and seeing how we can slow down land changes.
- Math: In math we focused on various subtraction strategies. See our strategies page on our website for pictures of our anchor chars. We also continued our Ages and Timelines unit. We created a timeline and posted one of our family members' birthdays on the timeline. While creating the timeline we discussed decades and centuries.
- * Writing: During this week we finished our science experiment posters. Come see our finished products, learn about our experiment, and see our results at the Holiday Open House! We also started our new informational writing unit. In class we are writing non-fiction texts and books. We are reading various mentor texts and trying the mentor author's techniques in our own writing.
- * Reading: In shared reading we discussed how authors' write for a purpose. We realized that it is easy as P.I.E. to identify an author's purpose of writing (P=persuasive, I=informative, E=entertaining). In our guided reading groups we discussed nonfiction elements. We know how to use the different elements, how they help us as readers, and how they work together to deepen our understanding on what we read. Ask your child what they read this week.