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IMPORTANT DATES

<u>January 25th:</u> Literacy Night at Paxton 5-7pm

January 29th: Early Dismissal at 12:50pm

February 11th: General PTA meeting and Open House at 6pm

<u>February 13th:</u> Valentines Day Room Party

February 14th: No School = Teacher Work Day

February 17th: No School = Presidents' Day



Information and Events

- * Mid Year Comments/Feedback: Since we are about half way through the year, I wanted to get some feedback about how Team Ronzio (and their families) are feeling about second grade. On our website, under our superstar blog, there is a comment box for you to write comments, suggestions, feedback, etc. I appreciate your comments and feedback about this year!
- * <u>Literacy Night:</u> Joins us at Paxton, THIS Saturday (January 25th) for a fun night of literacy! There will be books, story tellers and more fun activities! Bring the whole family to Paxton from 5-7pm to enjoy this great event!
- * <u>Recess:</u> Winter is upon us. Please make sure that your child brings appropriate winter apparel to wear outside during recess. Students <u>WILL</u> be going outside as long as the wind-chill is above zero. Jackets, scarves, harts, and gloves can help keep your child warm.

What We've Been Boing

- * Math: We started a new unit on money this week. Students are able to identify coins by their appearance and value. We have been working on making change, counting change, and making equal groups of change. This is a great unit to practice at home! Have your child count out various amounts of change and tell you, a sibling, or a friend how much change they counted.
- * Writing: In class we are continuing work on our non-fiction writing project. Everyone has a written and revised introduction as well as one non-fiction feature. By the end of the project, students need to have an introduction, organized facts that are written in complete sentences, and at least three non-fiction features. Check out our website for awesome introductions, facts, and chapter books! Throughout the next couple of weeks we will begin to revise, edit, and publish our hard work.
- * Reading: Throughout shared reading we have been focusing on non-fiction features and how they deepen our understanding. Students learned about using a contents page, index page, and introduction to preview a book. We also discussed how to read a diagram and the important relationship between bolded words and the glossary. We can use what we are learning about nonfiction features in our writing project!:)
- * <u>Word Study:</u> There was no spelling test this week. Instead we focused on long vowels with the silent e (CVCe) again.
- * Social Studies: We started our geography unit this week. Students created their own compass roses and used their compasses to navigate a scavenger hunt of room 202. Next week we will be learning how to read maps, the difference between human-made resources and natural features, and the continents of the world.