**Mrs. Watson’s Class News**

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Coming Soon:

RED CARPET

READING! Look for information after the break!

**Dates to Remember:**

**February, 13th – 21st**

Midwinter break

**March 16th – 17th**

Half-day dismissal

**March 21st**

Field Trip to PARC Theater

**![C:\Documents and Settings\watsonn\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\1BOB12OQ\11513-illustration-of-a-cartoon-penguin-pv[1].png]()Next week, first grade will be having PENGUIN WEEK! We will be making penguins with water bottles, a penguin headband, and creating and writing a short story “Meet My Penguin”!**

**Curriculum Connection**:

**Second Grade will complete unit 7 before break. Students will measure their standing jumps and arm spans; we will then collect the data and create a bar graph.**

**In unit 8, the students will explore fractions, use fractions to name parts of collections, and compare fractions.**

**Just a reminder, if you would like your child to have practice mad-minutes for home, let me know.**

In Writer’s workshop, second grade has completed a persuasive essay on a hero of theirs. They brainstormed reasons and gave examples to support their reasons. These are wonderful essays about someone in their life who they consider a hero.

The focus for second graders in unit 4 will be narrative writing. They will write![MC900384132[1]]() in third person about a child who helps their parent. They are beginning to edit and revise their own writing. We continue to practice and discuss the importance of adding details to enhance their writing!

**First grader’s, have been working hard on a How-To essay! We are going through the step-by-step writing process to create a piece that will be typed up and bound into a book.**

![MC900438249[1]]()**In Guided Reading, the students are now very familiar with the weekly routine of the Journey’s program. For each new lesson they are always prepared and anxious for the daily warm-ups, anchor text on Mondays, “dig-deeper” on Tuesdays, reader’s notebook page on Wednesday’s, and the Informational text on Thursdays. They enjoy the grammar snap videos and the occasional you-tube video highlighting the weekly grammar or phonics content. We are half-way through the Journey’s program!**

**Second graders, read a biography about *Helen Keller* and this week we read a narrative text, *Officer Buckle and Gloria*. They were able to find and share various cause and effect events. We also discussed the importance of following safety rules.**

**First graders, enjoyed reading the informational text about *Animal* Groups this past week and the play *Animal Picnic.***

**We compared and contrasted different animal groups; fish/reptile, mammal/birds. This is a great story for first graders because we will study animals in science.**

**On Monday, Second graders will complete the Junior Achievement 5 week program presented by Community Financial. The focus was on economics in the community!**

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Usman Quraishi - Feb. 6th