

# Ms. Athon's Second Grade News


January 9, 2015



## Happy New Year


Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful holiday break. Thank you so much for all of the fabulous gifts and holiday treats. It is so greatly appreciated. And most importantly, thank you for bringing holiday cheer to our sponsored family. It was such a joy to truly represent the season of giving. I am truly blessed to work with such fabulous children and families. I sincerely hope everyone has a very happy 2015!

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## Upcoming Events

Jan. 9	Report Cards
Jan. 15	Reflections Reception @ 6:30pm
Jan. 16	100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School
Jan. 19	MLK Day
	School Holiday
Jan. 20	Mid-Year AR Celebration
	Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
Jan. 21	RFL Skate Night
Jan. 22	DCES Literacy Night
Jan. 29	PTA Mother/Son Bowling Night @ 6pm
Jan. 30	RFL Coins for Cancer
Feb. 5	DCES "STEAM" Night




## 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School


The 100<sup>th</sup> day of school will be **Friday, January 16, 2015**. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore many math skills. Our class will be celebrating in TRUE 100 Day fashion. It will be a day filled with many fun and exciting math activities. Please note some *critical* second grade math skills:

- \*\*Counting and grouping in patterns: by 2's, 5's, & 10's to 100
- \*\*Recognizing odd and even numbers (including double-digit and triple digit #'s)
- \*\*Place value (ones, tens, and hundreds place)
- \*\*Counting money up to & back 100 cents/100 dollars

*And much, much more.....*




There will be NO school on Monday, January 19, 2015!



## Box Tops

**January** will be Box Top collection month at Duncan Creek. This is an easy way for our school to earn money and support our educational needs. It is quite simple. Just clip Box Tops from participating products (over 240), place in a bag, and send to school with your child. Your child's teacher will handle the rest. Each Box Top coupon is worth 10 cents. Any and all contributions are welcome and will be put to good use. Thank you in advance for supporting this terrific program!



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## Language Arts


Children will be working on folktales, fables, and fairy tales. Students will explore the various features of this genre. Reader's Theater will also be incorporated into this unit. Opinion writing will be highlighted during Writer's Workshop. Students will be utilizing various graphic organizers in order to best develop and organize their thoughts and ideas.

## Math

Students are now focusing on *Measurement and Time*. Students will be utilizing different units of measurement (inches, centimeters, feet, & yards) to measure various items. Students must be able to make reasonable estimations of length as well as determine the appropriate tool and unit needed to measure a given object. Standard vs. nonstandard units of measurement will be reviewed. Second graders must also be able to tell time to the nearest five minutes and identify relationships of time such as the number of minutes in an hour and hours in a day.


## Social Studies/Science

Students will learn about the life and accomplishments of Martin Luther King. We will create our very own timeline to display in the hallway. As February nears, students will discuss the various accomplishments of other exceptional African-Americans in honor of Black History Month. Astronomy is our next unit of study in science. What fun!



## Six Flags Reading Program

Six Flags...here we come! Enclosed in this week's Weekly Folder is a letter explaining the Six Flags "Read to Succeed" Reading Program. Everyone's form is due by **Friday, February 20, 2015**. If you complete the provided form, but still need additional paper, just attach a sheet of notebook paper, typing paper, etc. and read on! Please be sure to check your math...we don't want one of our little readers to not get a ticket. Have fun and enjoy those books!



## Specials

**Specials for Week 1/12-1/16**

<b>Mon.</b> Art	<b>Thurs.</b> PE
<b>Tues.</b> Music	<b>Fri.</b> Art
<b>Wed.</b> STEM	



Our newest "Incredible Cardinal" is...

*Ellie G.*