

Ms. Athon's Second Grade News

December 5, 2014

Stocking Stuffers



Please note information on the back of today's Newsletter concerning stocking stuffers for our fabulous second graders!

Book Fair

Our children previewed the book fair on **Thursday, Dec. 4th at 9:30am**. Our class will be able to purchase books on **Wednesday, Dec. 10th at 9:30am**. These purchases will not only encourage a love of reading in your child, but they will also help to expand the DCES Media Program. Thank you for supporting the Scholastic Book Fair at Duncan Creek Elementary!

***Please note...our Media Center will have limited access for the Book Fair's duration. Thank you for your understanding!*

Holiday Lunch

Our annual holiday lunch is almost here. Please make sure to mark your calendars for this very important day on **Thursday, Dec. 11th**. Our lunch time will be *slightly adjusted*. We will dine from **10:46-11:16am** at table #s 7 & 8 (9 for overflow). Please feel free to dress for the occasion in your special holiday duds. We look forward to celebrating with you soon!

 *Ms. Athon*

Language Arts

Your child has been focusing on summarizing text content as well as the importance of generating questions before, during, and after reading a passage. Children also need to be able to identify and infer the main idea and supporting details. Writer's Workshop has centered on the parts of an informational writing piece as well as organization of informational writing. We have researched a topic and are eager to publish our "All About..." books. Fluency and comprehension continue to be a focal point during Guided Reading instruction.

Math

Fact families have been reviewed. We want children to notice the patterns in numbers. Subtraction and addition work together! If $3+4=7$ and $4+3=7$, then $7-3=4$ and $7-4=3$. We have been discussing the math terms of equivalent and nonequivalent. Basic properties of addition (commutative & associative) will be utilized to simplify problems as well a variety of strategies to solve one & two-digit addition and subtraction problems.

Social Studies/Science

Students have been exploring historical figures (Mary Musgrove, Sequoyah, Tomochichi, & James Oglethorpe). Native Americans indigenous to Georgia (the Creek and Cherokee) have been discussed as well. Matter is up next in science. Students will focus on the three states of matter and their many properties. It is always a fun unit!



Upcoming Events

Dec. 8	Firehouse Subs Spirit Night
Dec. 9-Dec. 13	Scholastic Book Fair
Dec. 9	Holiday Lunch Grades 1, 3, & 5
Dec. 11	Holiday Lunch Grades K, 2, & 4
Dec. 15	Winter Party (2 nd Grade)
Dec. 19	End of the 2 nd Nine Weeks
Dec. 22-Jan. 2	Winter Break
Jan. 5	Teacher Work Day
Jan. 6	Student Holiday
Jan. 9	School Resumes
Jan. 15	Report Cards
Jan. 15	Reflections Reception @ 6:30pm
Jan. 15	AR Awards Show (Mid-Year)
Jan. 19	MLK Day/School Holiday

Candy Grams

Relay for Life is selling Candy Grams for fifty cents during the week of **Dec. 8-17, 2014**. All monies collected will support the fight against cancer. Children love receiving these sweet messages from their friends. It's as easy as sending in fifty cents...we do the rest!! Please help support another worthy cause at Duncan Creek!

Gingerbread Houses

Our class will decorate Gingerbread Houses on **Friday, December 12th**. A detailed letter (pink) is included in your child's Weekly Folder. If you are unable to provide at this time, please let us know. We will be glad to make other arrangements. Thanks again for all you do!

Holiday Class Party

Our class Holiday Party is scheduled for **Monday, December 15, 2014 @ 10:00am**. Our wonderful room mothers will be e-mailing with further details soon. Please be looking for this pertinent information. We will need a few ELVES to help run the show, so mark the date and time. Many thanks in advance for your time and dedication to your child's holiday memories!

Specials

Specials for Week 12/8-12/12

Mon.	Art	Thurs.	PE
Tues.	Music	Fri.	Art
Wed.	STEM		



Our newest "Incredible Cardinal" is...

Nathan C.