



Step Into Second Grade . . . A Closer Look

Dear Families,

December 19, 2017

What a special time of year this is! I have loved watching your children experience the joy of the season during their concert. They are having fun reciting the Night Before Christmas and know it almost by heart!

Reading: During this short week we'll be looking at the ways authors find intentional ways to tell their stories. We look for the details they leave to help us feel and understand what our stories' characters are feeling. Special focus this week is on Jan Brett's, The Wild Christmas Reindeer.

Math: We will practice, practice, and review 2-digit addition as we learn new ways to subtract. Oh, boy! We're onto 2-digit subtraction with "borrowing." We will continue to find hands-on and written ways to practice these very important skills.

Writing: You'll see your child's writing folder come home this week. We have used these for the first semester to store our rough drafts and writing samples. We are now moving onto writing notebooks! We are excited to use these as we grow in writing stories, nonfiction, poetry, and responding to our reading.

Spelling: We will simply review our spelling patterns from this first semester.

Social Studies: We'll share creative moments and special stories that help us celebrate this holiday season.

Have a beautiful holiday and Christmas season with your families! The kids brought home little calendar to find ways to find mindful peaceful moments throughout the vacation. Also, if you get a chance, please listen to KVNF this Saturday. Carmen Rodriguez recorded us reciting, Twas the Night Before Christmas.

My love and best wishes, Jodi