



SECOND GRADE WEEKLY PLANS
JANUARY 31, 2017

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Virtues for February: Perseverance and Diligence
Saying: Where there's a will, there's a way.

Read Aloud: "Brady" by Jean Fritz

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow is February 1st which means that we will begin talking about the virtues of perseverance and diligence. There are so many great picture books that you can read to your child to illuminate this character trait. I will add a few favorites to our morning meetings if possible, however, we are now spending time reading books about Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War, and Mrs. Smith is trying to finish-up with Brady. Of course, virtues such as courage and perseverance were highlighted in our recent history units on Civil Rights Leaders and The Underground Railroad so they have been featured in daily discussion.

Language Arts: I have added a document to my teacher page for your reference that explains the different types of folktales. Last week we were never able to read the books I had chosen as a component of our study of folktales, and I will attribute that to the snow day. I am determined to share those this week. The spelling list that will come home on Thursday this week will include words that have the long /i/ sound. The bonus words are icicle, bicycle, aisle, and I'll. January reading logs were due today. We will send home February's log tomorrow with the only homework being to get a "good start!"

Geography: The children finished presenting their South American posters last Friday. I videotaped every child who agreed to it; if you haven't received a YouTube link yet, you will soon. Overall, the children demonstrated an excellent attitude toward presenting. They were focused, serious, informative, and used their best "strong speaker" voices. It was a pleasure to watch them.

French: The past two weeks of 2nd grade French has been interrupted by the weather which is quite fitting since we have been learning some weather words. Talking about the weather means that for the first time, the students are learning phrases rather than single words. Delays and snow days meant that we didn't have enough time to be able to reproduce these phrases but by the end of the two-week block, the students were able to recognize and understand the phrases when they heard them.

Math: Mid-year assessment practice pages are due tomorrow so that we can go over them together. We will also be starting Chapter 10 in Book 2B which covers mental math and estimation.

- **Valentine's Day** – We usually exchange cards in the classroom but in a rather low-key way. I do ask that the giving of valentines to classmates follow the "all or none" rule. I am always asked about cards that include a piece of candy and that is fine. I allow them to eat one and bring the rest home. We currently have 16 students: Anna, Brooke, Cailin, Dalal, Haddon, Henry, Hopper, James, Lyla Eve, Madeira, Maeve, Max, Molly, Ren, Terry, and Thomas.

Warm regards,
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