

What's Happening in Our Classes this Week – January 30th – at GES?

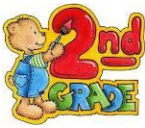
Kindergarten's letter of the week is **LI** for Larry Lion. Our new sight word is "**is**". We will begin to learn the **short i** word family. In Math we will continue our chapter on Time and Money. In Science we will begin our chapter on Weather, and we will explore how people cope with various kinds of weather in Social Studies. In Health we will wrap up our chapter on ways of how to stay safe whether indoors or out. Kindergarteners are looking forward to celebrating 100 days of school soon; details will be coming home this week. And we also look forward to famous story teller Linda Fang coming to our school for a story telling assembly, and to our classes this week and next to present "Stories from Ancient China".



This week we will read the story "The Sleeping Pig" and work on summarizing the text. Students will also work on long O words. In Mathematics we are finishing up telling time and will begin chapter 7 "Counting to 100". Students will use hundred charts and make groups of 10 to estimate. In Science students will begin Chapter 7 titled "Weather". Vocabulary for science will include: thermometer, temperature, water vapor and clouds. We will be having a Valentine Celebration on February 14, 2012. Look for more information about this celebration to come home soon. Enjoy your week!



The second graders are reading a story called Officer Buckle and Gloria this week, and our spelling words follow the ar pattern. In math, we are doing many hands-on activities to help learn about geometry and fractions. All of the classes will work with our resident artist, Linda Fang, on Chinese storytelling this week or next week. We are excited about our field trip to the Museum of Natural History on March 6th. Permission slips and \$10 are due by February 6th. We sent home a separate chaperone letter, so thank you to parents who have already offered to help us on this trip! Thank you also to Mimi Noorani who taught the kids how to make dragon puppets for Chinese New Year!



Reading/Language Arts – We are beginning Theme 3: Incredible Stories. Our first story is entitled, "Dogzilla." It is a fantasy story based on the famous movie monster Godzilla. We will focus on the comprehension strategy of "evaluate" and the comprehension skill of "fantasy/realism." Spelling homework activities will consist of vowel sounds in clown and lawn. Spelling activities will be assigned on Monday, 1/30/12 and due on Friday, 2/3/12. The Spelling Test will be on Friday, 2/3/12. Reading Book Reports are due on Friday, 2/3/12. Students should begin to work on meeting their AR Goal for the third marking period. They will be required to read 4 books and pass 4 tests with a 70% or higher.



Math – Students will analyze number relations and compute in order to represent multiplication and division basic facts using number sentences, pictures and drawings. Chapter 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-4 Possible Quiz: February 3rd
Science – We are finishing up Rocks and Soil, Chapter 7. The test will be the week of Feb. 6. We are also working on group STEM fair projects in class. If your child is working on a STEM fair project at home, the procedures and date collection tools are due Jan. 31. The results are due Feb. 14.

Social Studies – We are working on Chapter 4, Celebrations. Since this chapter has already been touched on at other times, we will only be having a quiz on Feb. 9. Then, we will start the new unit, Communities at work. Remember the field trip is Feb. 2, which is our normal Social Studies class day.

Health – We are continuing Chapter 3, Food for a Healthy Body. If your family has a favorite healthy recipe that you would like to share with the third grade, please send it in with your child. We will be putting together a cookbook.

Reading – Students will continue working with the selection "Mom's Best Friend." Selection Test: Thursday, Feb. 2nd; Focus Strategy: Monitor/Clarify; Focus Skills: Relationship of Story Elements, Drawing Conclusions. For the next few weeks, daily MSA practice questions will replace daily spelling activities.



Math – Students will be continuing with statistics. We will be learning about double bar graphs, double line graphs, and circle graphs.
Science – Students will be going to Camp Schmidt and beginning a Physics Unit.

Social Studies – Students will learn about Early Civilizations of USA.

Math – Students will apply the formulas for area and perimeter of rectangles and squares.
Social Studies – Students will be discussing the physical features of the United States of America.
Science – Students will be exploring how electricity and magnetism are related.
Reading – Students will continue writing their memoirs. Students will also begin their informative text unit - in particular we will focus on identifying the organizational strategy the author chooses to write an article.

