

# 2ND GRADE NEWSLETTER



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## IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/23: ½ DAY OF SCHOOL
- 2/13 - 2/16: NO SCHOOL MID WINTER BREAK
- 2/24 & 2/25: FAMILY CONFERENCES
- 3/6: FIELD TRIP TO CENTER ICE ARENA
- 3/30 - 4/6: NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
- 5/12: 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE MUSIC CONCERT

## REMINDERS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! We are so very excited to begin this new year off to a great start with your amazing kiddos! **Please remember the following that students must bring everyday to school**

- ALL snow gear, 2 healthy snacks, indoor school shoes, clean water bottle, and their book bag log. Make sure your child reads at least **20 minutes everyday!**

## CKLA SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

### Skills:

- Students practiced reading, spelling, and writing words with **vowel teams** (when two vowels go walking the first one does the talking) and **words oo and u spelling the /oo/ sound** like in good.
  - **words with /oo/ sound spelled as oo and u**
    - good, book, look, shook, took, hook, put, pull, push

### Knowledge Domain 3: Ancient Greek Civilizations

- Students continued learning about **Ancient Greek Civilizations**.
- They listened and discussed about
  - How democracy originated in Athens
  - The significance of the Battle of Marathon
  - The Battle of Thermopylae
- Each of these lessons further your child's understanding of life in Ancient Greece and how many contributions came from the Ancient Civilizations in Greece that are still relevant to this day.

**Ask them:** What do they remember about these lessons and what contributions have come from Ancient Greece? Do they have a favorite lesson learned so far about Ancient Greece?

## MATH

### Unit 3: Length and Shapes

- **This week students began our next unit on measurement and shapes.**
- Students explored measuring lines and shapes using a centimeter ruler.
- Students reviewed and dug deeper in their knowledge of shapes--rectangles, squares, triangles, quadrilaterals, pentagons, hexagons and how to identify sides, angles, and right angles
- Students also practiced estimating lengths before measuring in centimeters.

#### Ask your child to...

- Measure items in your home using a ruler.
- Draw squares, rectangles, triangles, pentagons, hexagons then identify how many sides and angles each have. Do any have right angles? What makes a square a square? Which of these shapes are quadrilaterals?

## SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

### Science Unit 1: Pebbles, Sand, and Silt

Students explored river rocks and how we can separate them by size. Students also learned many names for different rock sizes--boulders, cobbles, pebbles, gravel, sand, and silt.

- **Ask your child:** What they know about river rock sizes and can they names them largest to smallest?