

# 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE

## NEWSLETTER



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### IMPORTANT DATES

**2/12:** VALENTINES DAY CLASS CELEBRATIONS

**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

- **See your child's folder or class dojo for Valentines Day information.**
- **Take Home CKLA Skills** practice work will be attached to the newsletter every week! If your child completes it then please sign the paper and they can return it for a prize. This work is optional but helpful for them! Spelling words will come home weekly as well. These are not graded and optional too. Tests occur every fifth day of school or every fifth lesson. **KEEP THE SPELLING WORD PAPER AT HOME!**

### CKLA SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

#### Skills Unit 3: Spelling Alternatives for Vowels

**This week we began CKLA Skills!** This is the other half of the reading curriculum we have currently been using for the last few years. This half of the program focuses on sound-letter patterns when encoding(writing), decoding(reading), writing mechanics, written structure and processes. **This week students...**

- Practiced identifying, reading, and writing words with the long vowel a spellings ( 'a\_e' as in **cake**, 'ai' as in **rain**, 'ay' and in **day**, 'a' as in **paper**)
- Enjoyed applying what they learned about these alternate long vowel a spellings in their student reader book -- *Kids Excel*, a realistic fiction magazine full of articles / stories about kids and what they excel at!

**Ask your child:** What are the different ways you can spell the long vowel a? What are some words they know with these spellings in them? What is the favorite story so far from *Kids Excel*? What do they excel at?

#### Knowledge Domain 3: Ancient Greek Civilizations

- Students finished our Ancient Greek Civilizations unit.
- They planned, drafted, and completed a fictional narrative book.

**Ask them:** What was their book about? Who was their main character? Where did they live? What details were in their book?

### MATH

#### Unit 3: Length and Shapes

- **This week students continued our unit on measurement by practicing graphing data from lines or objects they measured with in inches and centimeters on a line plot.**
- Students took a quiz on this information.

Students also took their winter NWEA Math test this week, NWEA reading will be next week!

#### Ask your child to...

- **Measure items in your home using a ruler and then make a line plot to show the data or information they measured.**

### SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

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

Students took an assessment on river rock sizes.

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