

## **Second Grade Newsletter December/January**

**Language Arts:** Second graders are learning explanatory writing using the Six Traits of writing. We are learning about verbs, subject/verb agreement, synonyms, and contractions. We are also reading a variety of books and magazines as well as learning to use a dictionary and encyclopedia. Students are working on story comprehension including cause and effect and context clues. Second grade teachers will be working on our middle of year testing to share with you at parent teacher conferences in February.

**Math:** We are continuing to work on number patterns and relationships. Students are learning measurement, creating and interpreting graphs, counting money, adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers, and developing problem solving strategies.

**Integrated:** Second graders are learning about diversity. Students will explore their own uniqueness, as well as the uniqueness of many things in the world. Through a variety of activities they will see how they are different from every other person, yet alike in some ways. Students will learn that they have "lots in common" with the people around them. They will learn about Amelia Earhart, Robert Fulton, and Thurgood Marshall and their contributions to our diverse world.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**December 14 – PTA Meeting (6:00 p.m.)**

**December 21 – Early Release (12:00p.m.)**

**December 22 – January 3 - Winter Holiday**

**January 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**

**January 18 – PTA Meeting (6:00 p.m.)**

**February 16 - PACE testing referral deadline**

**Just a Note:** Please remember to check your child's take-home folder and assignment notebook every night for important information and homework. Also, please remember to read with your child every night.

**Thanks for all you do to partner with us in the education of your child!**