**FEBRUARY NEWS**

**GRADE TWO**

* **Language Arts**
* **Math**
* **Science**

**LANGUAGE ARTS**

The focus of our writing right now is narratives. Go charts, webs, and cue cards are graphic organizers that are used to organize ideas before story writing.

We will be using our knowledge of writing descriptive paragraphs and applying it to story writing. Each paragraph is to be about an event that elaborates the story being told.

Each story is to have at least 5 paragraphs:

**Introduction:**

Introduces

1. the setting – where and when
2. Main/secondary characters – describe who they are
3. Plot/problem – what the story is going to be about

**Body:**

The body of the story contains at least three events. Each event is a separate paragraph. The events are to tell the story/problem- where the action of the story is.

**Conclusion:**

Wraps up the story or solves the problem. No new ideas are introduced

The students need to ensure that there is a big idea in the story that is evident (plot/problem) and that the little ideas support the big idea (three events).

We are continuing to work on verbs, nouns, adjectives, and adverbs.  The students are working on including these types of words in their stories.

Short and long vowels continue to be reviewed regularly along with their rules. These activities are hands on that involve a combination of group and individual work.

**MATH**

3D Geometry is our focus right now. The students will be learning about the below concepts:

1. Identifying and describing various 3D figures (cubes, prisms, pyramids) and sort and classify them according to their geometric properties
2. Create models and skeletons of pyramids and prisms

**Social Studies**

We are focusing on Features of Communities around the world. Some of the concepts we are looking at are:

The relationship between location and climate

Similarities and differences in the way communities around the world meet their needs

Similarities and difference - food, clothing, recreation, language, transportation.

**A research project was sent home. Your child needs to choose a country to research. They will be recording this information  in the format of a pamphlet here at school.**

**Information is due: February 27, 2017**

