

# The Second Grade Buzz

Weekly Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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## Highlights of the Week

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### Religion:

Did you know that we were still the Christmas season this week? The secular world has already moved on to Valentine's Day, but we continued to celebrate Jesus' birthday this week. The students read a rebus version of the first Christmas, retold the events in a rebus story, and designed stars to place over the doorways in our classroom to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the world and that we should be "lights" for each other, too.

Merry Christmas and happy Epiphany!!!

### Math:

Subtraction of two 2-digit was the main focus. Students are learning different strategies to solve these types of problems. So far, subtracting using place value blocks, using open number lines to count back and number lines to count on to subtract have been the ways presented to find differences.

Please encourage your child to practice the basic addition and subtraction facts at

home. These facts are used in problems involving larger numbers.

Second graders completed the winter STAR math test this week. Results show that everyone is learning!

### Reading:

**Ah, Music!** By Alike was our reading selection. The companion text was a traditional song called, "There's a Hole at the Bottom of the Sea." Target vocabulary words were practiced while reading and in class discussions. Words with **ai** and **ay** were decoded. Students learned about **idioms**. This week's comprehension skill was **identifying and using text**

## and graphic features of informational texts.

STAR reading assessments will be completed within the next two weeks.

### English:

Second graders practiced revising **compound sentences** by rearranging words and adding details to make the sentences more interesting.

Students are currently writing opinion paragraphs. They are stating how they feel about a topic, backing up their opinions with two to three reasons and wrapping it up with a closing sentence. Topics include: favorite day of the week, field trips, animals, sports, and subjects in school, to name just a few!

### Spelling:

**Unit 15** spelling test

### Handwriting

The lowercase cursive letters **j**, **p** and **a** were introduced and practiced.

### Social Science

We have been exploring how people remember the past. One thing that the students didn't think about was time lines! So students made

personal time lines to help them link their own histories with this visual tool.

### Art

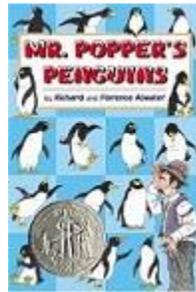
Since it hasn't snowed yet this season, we made it "snow" in our snowman snow globe projects!



### Lunchtime Read Aloud:

#### Mr. Popper's Penguins

by Florence and Richard Atwater



### Birthday

We celebrated **Payton Wilmoth's** birthday on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks so much for the cupcakes! We hope Payton enjoyed her special day. God Bless.

### Library

Mrs. Louie sent notices to students with overdue books. Please assist your child in finding and returning all Holy Cross library materials. Thank you!

### Music

Mrs. Lucy Neary, our music teacher, has returned from maternity leave. We're so happy she's back!

### Auction

The Holy Cross Auction is coming up on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Maddex's mom, Nicole Hannah-Moore, worked with the second graders' thumbprints to create an amazing piece of art to be sold at this year's event. Thank you!!!



Auction tickets are available. Please support Holy Cross by attending this important fundraiser.