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# The Second Grade Buzz

Weekly Newsletter

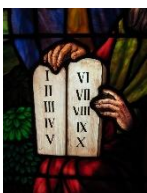
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## Highlights of the Week

By Ms. DeVaney-Wilkes and Miss Faoro

### Religion

The Christmas season came to an end on Monday, Jan. 8, the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. We are now in Ordinary Time until the day before Ash Wednesday, which falls on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Besides practicing classic Christmas songs for this year's program, students learned about God's Laws, or the Ten Commandments. Ask your child to name as many as possible!



### Math



Addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers continues to be the focus. This week students solved missing addend problems such as  $? + ? = 56$  or  $28 + ? = 73$

Multiple strategies were applied to solve problems.

Please encourage your child to practice the basic addition and subtraction facts to 18 at home. These facts are used in problems involving larger numbers.

### Reading



### Schools Around the World

by Margaret C. Hall was our reading selection. Target vocabulary words were practiced while reading and during class discussions. Words with **ee** and **ea** were decoded. The vocabulary skill was reading a dictionary entry. This week's comprehension skill was **main idea and details**.

### English

Students are currently writing informational paragraphs. The paragraphs begin with a topic sentence.

Include three facts and end with a conclusion related to the topic sentence.

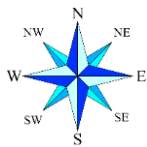
### Spelling

**Unit 15** practice and spelling test

### Handwriting

The lowercase cursive letter **r** was introduced and practiced.

### Social Science



We learned about a compass rose on a map. Students should know the four cardinal directions (North, South, East, and West). Individual compass roses were made which included both the cardinal and intermediate directions.

### Science

**Water** is the first Earth material we are exploring. The **water cycle** was investigated. There is a model of this natural process in our classroom. We learned a song and dance about it, too!



### Art

Who knew that this art project would bring snow to Portland and the surrounding area!



### Christmas Program

Thank you to Ms. Zuro, our music teacher, for preparing the children for this year's Christmas Program! Pre-K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students sang beautifully! What a lovely way to end the holiday season!

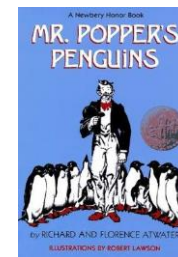


Rehearsal for the program.

Pre-program photo!



### Lunchtime Read Alouds:



### Mr. Popper's Penguins

by Richard and Florence Atwater



### Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle

by Betty MacDonald

### Field Trip



Thank you to everyone who has already returned signed permission slips for the Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> trip to Franz Bakery! **The five parent chaperones** chosen for this outing will be informed next week.