**Mrs. Burger’s 2nd Grade Weekly News**

**1/30 – 2/3**

Dear Families,

\* The students and I welcomed a student teacher to our classroom this past week! Riley Stewart is finishing her education degree at Eastern Kentucky University. She will be with our class until Friday, February 17th and then with Mrs. Howard’s fourth grade class until mid-March. She is a wonderful addition to our class community. Many of our Husky Hideout students already know her since she has worked there in the past.

\*The 2nd Grade Carnival Party is next Friday, February 3rd at 2:30 – 4:30pm.  The cost of the event is $20 (cash or check made payable to Harmony Elementary PTA), and all money earned goes to our classroom.  So that we can purchase snacks and supplies for the event, I need to know by Monday, January 30th if your child plans to attend. On Friday I sent home permission forms with those who have already signed up. This is just to provide the office with documentation that your child will stay after school with me.  Students who attend on Friday can wear “sporty” clothes to school on this day.

\*The blue hallway would like to celebrate our victory in the Canned Good Contest that took place back in December.  All students in our hallway can wear pajamas to school on Thursday, February 2nd!

\*As part of our new Social Studies unit, your child has been asked to complete a timeline with photographs on a poster board of his or her life from birth to now.  Timelines are due Friday, February 3rd.  If you need more time for any reason, please just let me know.

\*A note was sent home Friday regarding Valentine’s Boxes.  All second graders need to bring in a decorated box by Tuesday, February 14th.  The box should be about the size of a shoebox and will be used to hold valentines that they receive from their peers. Students may also want to include a valentine for Ms. Stewart. I apologize for not listing her on the Valentine’s letter!

\* Scholastic Book orders that came home last week are now due. If your child would like to order any of the available books, please send in their order forms and payment by Monday, January 30th. You can also order online using our class code, H99P9.

\*Please see letter below from Kasey Anderson to all parents:

*My name is Mrs. Anderson and I am one of Harmony’s Reading Interventionists.  Have you ever heard of Paws with Purpose?  Well, my reading class has partnered up with them for the past two years.   Paws with Purpose therapy dogs and assistance dogs-in-training currently visit a number of schools in the Louisville area, including Harmony, to work with specific children during their reading courses. PWP dogs provide a non-judgmental friend who listens calmly while children read aloud. This allows children to work through words at their own speed and gain confidence in their skills. It is also great practice for the assistance dogs-in-training!  To thank Paws with Purpose for partnering up with Harmony’s reading intervention program, my class is having a fundraiser for them.  We are selling t-shirts!  For every t-shirt we sell, we will be able to give $5 to Paws with Purpose.  Would you have any interest in purchasing a t-shirt?  If so, the order form is attached.  All orders and payments are due Friday, February 3rd.  These shirts are great for animal lovers and Harmony Huskies…and they make perfect Valentine’s gifts!  Thanks for your help!  Please email me with any questions at* *kasey.anderson@oldham.kyschools.us*

**Related Arts for this Week: Art (Monday-Wednesday) and Music (Thursday-Friday)**

**Daily Lunch Time:** 11:37 – 12:02 pm

**Other Information:**

**-** Each day your child will bring home his or her **Student Agenda**.  Please make sure to initial in the box on the page to the right of the message.  Also, please record the title(s) of the book your child read that night.

**Daily Homework:**

* Read 15 minutes each night and record title in student agenda.
* Other suggested activities will be listed on the Snapshot for you and your child to complete.

**What will be learning this week?**

**Word Wall Words:** different, hurt, really, without, mean

**Reading:**In reading we will begin the week by reviewing how to determine important information from a text.  Students will be asked to read a text and record their thinking about what’s the most important information, using a thinking stem.  We will then discuss the point of view from a given text by determining who is telling the story by the clues given from the pronouns.  We will talk about how the point of view affects the story.

**Writing:**For writing, we will begin our unit on small moment stories.  Students will be asked to brainstorm a list of small moments related to different feelings that they have.  We will discuss the significance of capturing small moment story ideas, as well as practice stretching out a small moment by adding details to make our writing better.

**Math:** Please note that our content varies slightly depending on your child’s math group.The concept of regrouping when we add and subtract 3-digit numbers is very challenging!  Please have your children practice these kinds of problems at home in order to help them recognize when, why, and how they need to regroup.  Next week in math we will continue to review this strategy, as well asadd and subtract within 100 by counting different combinations of coins.  We will also practice making change by counting up or using subtraction across zeroes.

**Social Studies:** Next week we will discuss Harriet Tubman and her impact on the Underground Railroad.  We will also review the states that were considered North and South, and the disagreement that caused the secession.  We will then learn about a couple influential leaders of the Civil War, such as Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee.  Finally, we will read about Clara Barton and her impact on the American Red Cross.

**Important Dates:**

January 30th:  SBDM Meeting

February 3rd:  2nd Grade Carnival Party at 2:30 – 4:30pm; Timeline project due

February 7th:  Board Meeting at 9:00am

February 8th:  Early Release Day

February 10th:  Father Daughter Dance at 6:00 – 8:00pm

February 14th:  Valentine’s Day Party from 1:20-2:10 pm

February 17th:  Box Top Contest ends

February 20th:  School (make-up Snow Day)

March 10th:  Early Release Day

March 14th:  Champ’s Skate Night