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

**1/9 – 1/13**

Dear Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed last week’s snow day! According to the Oldham County School Calendar, the first snow day will be made up on February 20th.

\*Outdoor recess is at 11:15 am each morning, and it has been chilly.  Make sure your child has a jacket and is dressed appropriately for the weather at that time of day.  Winter coats, gloves, and hats are highly encouraged. Shorts are discouraged as even our classroom is cold sometimes.

**Related Arts for this Week: Music (Monday & Tuesday) PE (Wednesday – 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:**  across, being, father, present, still

**Reading:** Next week we will be reading and discussing tall tales.  Students will be asked to observe character traits of the main character, as well as exaggerations that take place throughout the tall tale and how it enhances the story.  At the end of the week we will begin looking through different versions of fairy tales and folk tales and comparing and contrasting story elements in these tales.

**Writing:** We will begin a new writing unit this week. In this unit, students will be practicing how to write about science.  A question will be posed in which they must come up with a hypothesis, procedure, result, and conclusion.  We will be reviewing the scientific process and carrying out an experiment in order to determine the solution to our question.  From this knowledge, students will be asked to pose their own questions and come up with their own experiment.

**Math:** Students will be adding and subtracting three-digit numbers together to find sums and differences within 1000.  We will be practicing with problems with regrouping and no regrouping.  They will review different strategies that were introduced last unit, such as adjusting numbers, using a 100s chart, and lining numbers up vertically in order to solve these problems.

**Science:** In this science unit, students will be observing quick changes to land.  They will be asked to observe a series of pictures and make conclusions as to what caused the damages to the structures in each picture.  They will then create a model in which students observe how volcanic eruptions change the land around volcanoes.  Students will also model how landforms can be shaped through various environmental factors, such as wind, rain, earthquakes, etc.  Finally, the kiddos will be asked to create a structure with a given criteria designed to withstand various natural disasters.

**Important Dates:**

January 11th:  Early Release Day

January 16th:  No School (MLK Day)

January 17th – February 17th:  Class Box Top Competition

January 18th:  General PTA Meeting at 6:30pm

January 24th:  Family Literacy Night K-2 at 5:30 – 7:15pm

February 7th:  Board Meeting at 9:00am; Playground Meeting at 10:00am

February 8th:  Early Release Day

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

February 20th:  Make-up Snow Day

March 10th:  Early Release Day