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

**3/6 – 3/9**

Dear Families,

\*As part of our Civil Rights unit, second grade will be attending the Muhammad Ali Center on this Wednesday, March 8th from 8:45 – 12:30pm.  Please be sure to return the permission slip and money ($8) to school as soon as possible.  Students will need to pack a lunch to eat in the classroom upon returning from the field trip.  We had a random drawing for our three class chaperones… the lucky winners were: Mrs. Bean, Mrs. Oxender, and Mrs. Reeves ☺

\*Please let me know if your child needs any assistance with the Civil Rights vest project. Students are to create a vestout of a paper bag to display information about a chosen significant individual during the Civil Rights movement.  Papers with directions were sent home at the end of February. The vest will be due on Monday, March 13th.

\*The second grade teachers are in need of egg cartons, water bottles, and toilet paper rolls for an upcoming science activity. We appreciate any donations!

\*The 4th Grade State Summative Assessment for Science is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14th.  Because of this there will be no visitors or volunteers allowed in the building on this day.  In addition, KPREP for grades 3 – 5 is scheduled in May.  No visitors or volunteers will be allowed in the building from May 14th – May 24th.

\* The students will attend our Pennies for Patients kick-off assembly this Thursday afternoon. Collection will take place March 13th – 31st. More information to come from Mrs. Murphy.

\*An email was sent out the week before last regarding our spring student-led conferences. Our class’s conference day is set for Monday, March 13th at 2:45 – 4:45pm.  The conferences will once again be student-led.  A maximum of 3 students can conference in the classroom at once.  I will be floating around to monitor, sit-in, and/or ask and answer questions throughout the conferences.  If this day is not suitable for you, your child may also bring their Leadership binder home to share with you. If you would like to conference at school, please sign up online using the following steps:

 *Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:
1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com:* [*http://signup.com/go/JW9DFz*](http://signup.com/go/JW9DFz) *2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.*

**What are we learning next week?**

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

**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.

**Word Wall Words:** side, country, yesterday, whole, half

**Reading:** This past week we spent Reading Workshop reading and identifying characteristics of folktales from Asia.  Next week we will continue this process with folktales from Europe.  We will also be talking about why these folktales are important, and how these stories have been exaggerated over time and passed down through generations.

**Writing:**  Next week in writing, students will observe writing models in order to generate an opinion that they have about a topic of their choice.  They will need to include three reasons that support their belief, and evidence to defend each reason.  Students will then turn their ideas into a paragraph containing these thoughts with a lead and a closing.

**Math:** In math we will continue measuring with a ruler, using both units of measurement (inches and centimeters).  We will continue our measuring unit by introducing a meter stick, yardstick, and measuring tape, and measuring appropriate items using each tool.  By the end of this week your child should be able to determine which measurement tool (meter stick, yardstick, ruler, and tape measure) is best to measure a given object.

**Science:** This past week we have planted seeds in our classroom, and will spend the next couple weeks performing various experiments in order to determine what amount of sunlight, and what type of water would be best to help plants grow.  We will also discuss how animals and plants are dependent on each other.  Students will be testing models of animal parts to see if they can help cause seed dispersal.

**Important Dates:**

March 6th:  Kindergarten Registration at 4:00 – 6:00pm

March 7th:  PTA Board Meeting at 9:00am; Playground Meeting at 10:00am; North Campus March Mania at 5:30pm

March 8th:  Field Trip to the Muhammad Ali Center; Progress Reports sent home

March 10th:  No School

March 13th:  Civil Rights Vest due; Spring Conferences at 2:45 – 4:45pm

March 14th:  No volunteers or visitors at HES; Champ’s Skate Night at 5:00 – 7:30pm

March 15th:  Early Release Day

April 3rd – 7th:  Spring Break