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

**12/12 – 12/16**

Dear Families,

\*All Husky Helping House items are due on Monday, December 12th! Please send in any items you signed up for that have not already been sent in with your child on Monday. The items should be unwrapped as the children take part in wrapping them at school. If anyone has any wrapping paper, tissue paper, and/or boxes to send in, we will gladly take them. Please visit the following link to check to see what item you signed up for: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4caca923a20-720>

\*If you have any toy advertisements or catalogs at home the second grade teachers are in need of these items for a math lesson next week (example… Target, Wal-Mart, etc.)

\* Wednesday, December 14th is our all-school sing-along and pajama day.  Please help your 2nd grader practice the words to “Frosty the Snowman” so he or she will be ready to perform for the students and staff on this day. Students are welcome to also bring in a wintry hat and scarf for our performance.

\*Our class holiday party is scheduled for 10 am on Friday, December 16th!  The kids can bring a special sweat treat and drink to snack on during the party.  We hope to see you there!

\* Now that the weather turning colder, please help to make sure your child is dressing appropriately for outside recess. We will go out as often as possible, so it is important for your child to come to school with a winter coat, gloves, hat or head warmer. Thank you!

\*Thank you so much for helping to make our Harmony Food Drive a huge success! As a school, we collected more than 70 boxes of items, and over $300 in monetary donations! What a wonderful way to help provide for many families in the Oldham County community! Our hallway won for the most collected items. We will have a blue hallway pajama day in January to celebrate ☺

\* We had a great second grade turn-out and lots of fun at our Polar Express party! I will be posting a few pictures to our class website this weekend.

\* Don’t forget to check out our class web page from time to time. I try my best to post a few pictures from our week together every weekend so you can see your children engaged in their work! The site is: [www.teresaburger.weebly.com](http://www.teresaburger.weebly.com)

**Related Arts for this Week: Art**

**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:** face, dog, food, happy, sat

**Reading:** This week the students will be learning about various holidays, traditions, and customs from around the world.  We will learn about holidays in Israel, Germany, Mexico, England, and Italy.

**Writing:** Students will share their Westward Expansion American contributors this week. We will also do some free writing related to our random acts of kindness initiative. Lastly, we will work on a persuasive writing piece connected to The Gingerbread Man story.

**Math:** We will be finishing up Unit 2 – Adding and Subtracting Two-Digit Numbers.  We will review our addition and subtraction strategies by solving one- and two-step word problems in the beginning of the week.  Students will then take the Unit 2 Post-Assessment and Transfer Task so we can evaluate their growth.  We will also be pre-assessing students for Unit 3 – Numbers and Operations in Base Ten/Measurement and Data.  Students will be placed in new math groups after winter break.

**Social Studies:** We will be learning about Robert Fulton and Sequoyah, which were two major contributors during the Westward Expansion.  We will also be discussing the impact of the steam boat during this time, as well as the uses of the Erie Canal.  Lastly, we will focus on the Trail of Tears, and discuss the major challenges that the Cherokees faced on this trail.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

December 12th:  Husky Helping House items due

December 13th:  HES Family Focus Night

December 16th:  Class Holiday Party at 10 am; Winter Spirit Wear orders due

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

December 19th – January 2nd:  No School – Winter Break