

# Ms. Shelley's Second Grade News

## Happy December!

December 12, 2008

Dear Second Graders and Parents,

How quickly this month is going by! We have been busily preparing for our Show of Works next week. We will have many exhibits of the writing, math and reading we have been doing around the classroom! I would also like to take the time to say good-bye to Ms. H. She has finished her student teaching with us and is now leaving to finish up her degree at Russell Sage and then get her own classroom. THANK YOU Ms. H for all you have done! You are a wonderful teacher.

Fondly, Ms. Shelley

**Reading:** Next week we will be reading the story Dear Juno. This will be teaching us how to draw conclusions and visualize information. We will also be focusing on reading words with the long o sound. This week we will also be reading books by Jan Brett and starting an author study for his work. We will also continue reading about different holiday celebrations around our globe and sharing seasonal stories.

**Math:** As we move into unit 5 we are starting to learn about addition and subtraction of two digit numbers. We are going to start with adding basic numbers and learning how to re-group them. This is a difficult concept for many students and any support you can give them at home would be wonderful!

**Theme Study:** Next week will be our final week looking at how we can change the Earth. We will be looking at our Earth's natural resources and studying why they are important to us.

**Writing Workshop:** As we are finished with our letter writing unit, we are going to end the month of December by reading and writing about what Peace means to us and writing about different holiday traditions. We will be using descriptive words to express our ideas.

*Special points of interest:*

- **Wednesday—** Winter Show of Work! Visit our classroom from 11:30—12, then come downstairs to watch your students perform in a Holiday Concert!
- **BOOK FAIR!** A scholastic book fair will be set up during the Show of Work this Wednesday! Check out the wonderful books that are for sale! :)

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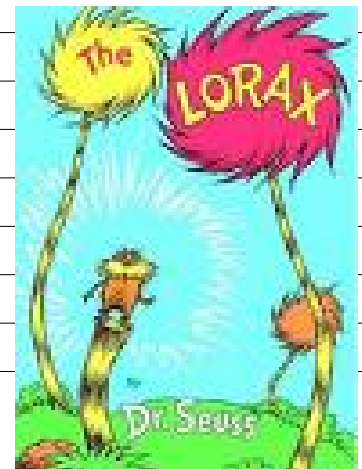
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Thank you Ms. H!

We read *The Lorax* this week in Science and explored how pollution can hurt the Earth. As you can see, we then created our own Truffula Trees from the story and acted out this book. We had a beautiful forest of trees until they were all cut down. Students then wrote about what they could do to save our trees and keep our Earth healthy and clean. Look for this writing around the room at the Show of Work!



## Field Trips!

We had the wonderful opportunity to go on two field trips this week! On Tuesday we went to NYISTI to see a performance of Sleeping Beauty! We had been reading many different fairy tales the week before, so it was wonderful to see this one acted out for us. Then on Thursday we went to the post office. While we were there we mailed our letters to each of the 50 states, which we had been writing to for the Great Mail Race. We then got a behind the scenes tour to see what happens to our mail once we put it in the mail box. Ask your child about what they learned!





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