

# Ms. Shelley's Second Grade News

January 9, 2010

## Happy New Year!

Dear Second Graders and Parents,

Welcome to the start of a New Year!! I am very excited about the many things that your children will be working on and learning about this coming year. I would also like to take the time to welcome Ms. Erica into our classroom. Ms. Jessica decided to take the rest of the year off to be with her new baby so Ms. Erica will be permanently replacing her as the new teaching assistant in the classroom. We are very lucky to have Ms. Erica working with us and we can't wait to see what the New Year brings!

Fondly, Ms. Shelley

### *Special points of interest:*

- January 18th is Martin Luther King Day! We will have no school that Monday.
- Our class read the story Beegu this week. It went along with our CARES program that gives us an opportunity to talk about ways to treat each other with kindness and understanding as well as how to accept people's differences. Ask your child about the story!

**Reading:** We read the story Dear Juno this past week. We learned different ways to communicate with one another as well as how to draw a conclusion based on clues in the story. Next week we will be reading the story Anansi Goes Fishing. This story is a folk tale in which Anansi the Spider will learn a lesson. We will be focusing on looking at other folk tales next week as well as thinking about the use of cause and effect in stories. Our phonics skill will be compound words.

**Math:** Next week we will be finishing math unit 5. We have been working very hard to learn how to add two-digit numbers with regrouping in different situations. Next week we will do a lot of review of this concept and taking the test. We will also begin unit 6 which is learning how to subtract two-digit numbers with regrouping. Keep working on your basic math facts at home!!

**Writing Workshop:** This week we wrote our New Year Resolution—look for these to be published in next week's newsletter! We also focused on how to write a complete paragraph. Next week we will introduce creative writing through developing snowmen stories. Again, we will be focusing on how to write a complete paragraph as well as story elements to use when we write creatively.

**Theme Study:** We have begun our Defenders of the Planet unit! Your children are learning about how they can take care of our Earth! Some vocabulary words we will be using are: recycle, reduce, reuse and compost. Talk to your children about how they can save our planet!!

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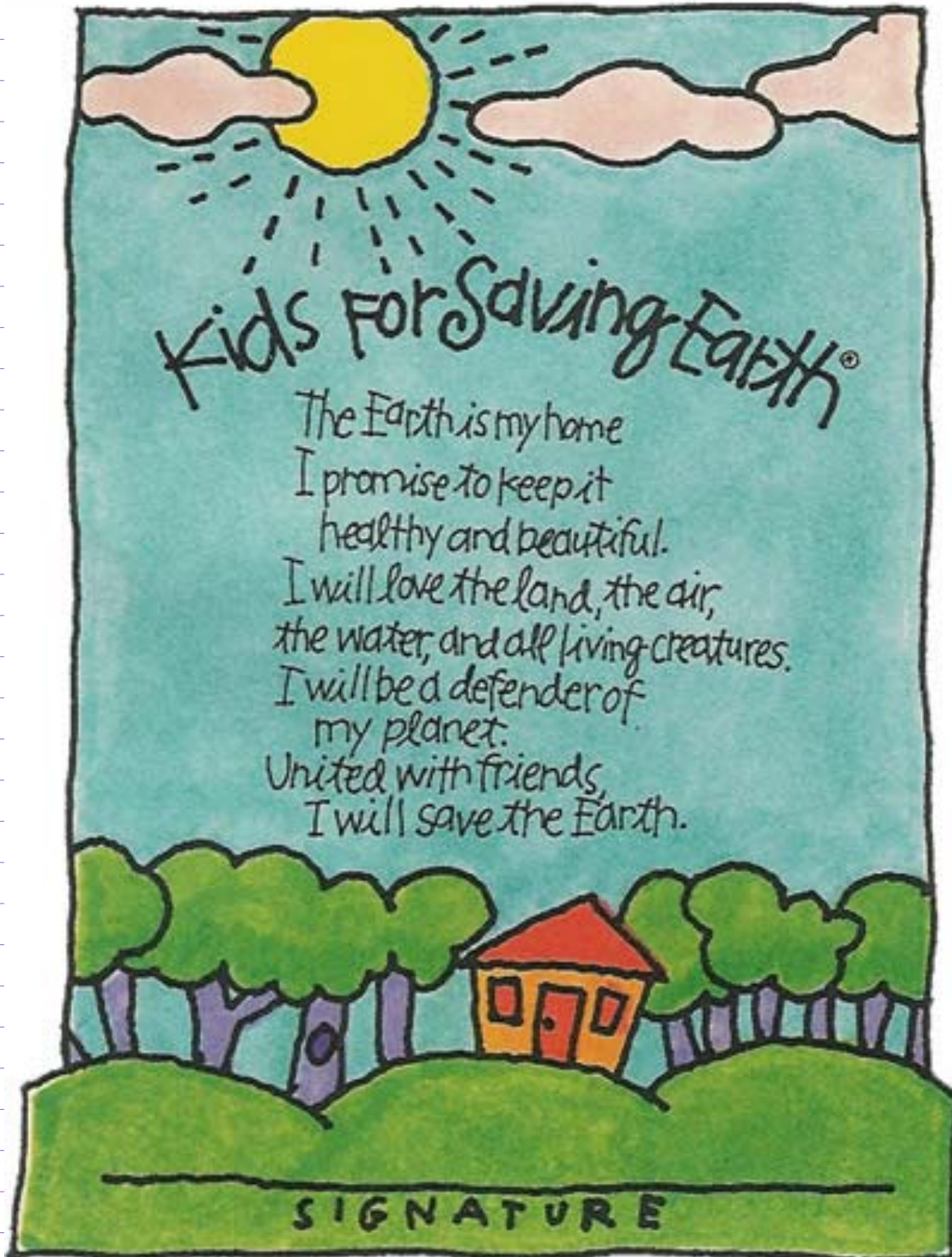
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# Take the Promise



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