



Ms. Shelley's Second Grade News

January 15, 2010

Happy Martin Luther King

Dear Second Graders and Parents,

What a great week we had this past week! We read a number of folk tales that taught us the lesson of honesty. Ask your students about the story Anansi and The Boy Who Cried Wolf and have them tell you the lesson each of these characters learned! We also worked on finishing our New Year Resolutions and Snowmen Stores. Look at the back of the newsletter to read some of our resolutions! Enjoy your long weekend and I look forward to another great week next week!

Fondly, Ms. Shelley

Special points of interest:

- No School Monday, January 18th. We have this day off to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Talk with your children about the great things he has done for our country!

Reading: We will be reading the story Rosa and Blanca this week. This is the story of two sisters who work creatively to solve a problem. We will be focusing on theme and plot as we read as well as discussing the genre of realistic fiction. Our phonics skill we will be working on is words with the long I sound. We will be introducing this skill by reading the story Good Night, Good Knight. We will also be starting a new chapter book called My Father's Dragon. This ties in with our new writing unit!

Math: We have begun learning how to subtract two-digit numbers. We will continue practicing how to regroup while subtracting this week. Keep working on your basic math facts at home!!



Writing Workshop: What creative writers your children are! We will finish our snowmen stories this week, then begin writing our big creative writing project. We will be learning how to plan our ideas in order to best write a creative story about dragons. Get your imagination ready!!!

Theme Study: We will continue learning about how we can save the planet! This week we will focus on pollution, how it harms our planet and what we can do to stop it!!



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New Year Resolutions

Our class learned what a resolution was and created our own resolutions as a way to celebrate the start of a New Year. Read about the ways our class is going to make the year 2010 a great year!

My New Year Resolution is to make the Earth healthy. I want to live longer on a clean Earth. I will clean the garbage all up and clean up after myself. I will try to accomplish it sooner or later. I will clean up other peoples trash. I wish the world will be clean. By: Arianna

My resolution is to eat healthy all the time to grow strong. I will eat vegetables . I will eat meat and rice with yams. It is good then we have a drink. We have fruit punch. It is yummy to my whole family. Then we do some exercises like jump roping. Then we have some salad with soup. It is red and good. We will have a lot of fun! By: Zalayah

My resolution is to help my mom. I will help my mom clean the house and backyard to be the best kid in the house. I will get a present from my aunt. It will be a new TV for my mom. This is my resolution for 2010. By: Takeil

My New Year Resolution is I want to get better at baseball. I want to play it. Coach will help me catch a ball. I will try my hardest. If I can't catch I can't play on the team. I really want to be on the team. This New Year I want to get better at baseball. By: Elijah



My New Year Resolution is I want to do better in school. This is my resolution for the New Year so I can go to high school. I will accomplish this resolution by helping people and do what the teacher tells us what to do and to help my class. That's my resolution for 2010. By: Ojiaha

My New Year resolution is to help my mom and dad. I will help my mom and dad by helping my mom cook and my dad clean. I will do this resolution because if you do not help your mom and your dad that is not nice. They do a lot for you. This is my resolution for 2010! By: Precious

My New Year resolution is to recycle. Recycling is my resolution because I want the Earth to stay clean. I will recycle by taking out trash, paper, plastic and bottles and cans. I can help Earth also by reducing and reusing too. I recycle at home by picking up trash, bottles, plastic, paper and cans. I like to recycle because the Earth stays clean. I hope when I recycle the Earth stays clean. By: Caleb

My New Year Resolution is to be a kind girl so I can be a peacemaker and so I can get a prize. I will be kind to my friends. This is my resolution to get 100 on my tests to pass to the teacher. This is my New Year Resolution. By: Janelle

My New Year resolution is to eat healthier. I want to be stronger. I want to be better at a game in gym. I will exercise to be stronger. I will jog a block. This is my resolution! By: Olivia

Happy New Year! My New Year resolution is to work hard. I want to be a better student and work hard, hard. I will think more often. I am going to do all my hard work like multiplication. I want to be a better student to fit into third grade and to be a smarty pants. Happy 2010! By: Sameko

My New Year Resolution is I want to eat and exercise. I want to be healthy because I want to be strong. I will eat healthy food like vegetables and fruits. I will do exercising like chin-ups. I will do 10 chin-ups on the chin-up bars. This is my resolution. By: Eduardo

My resolution is to keep my body clean and to eat vegetables. I will get it done at home like cleaning my hands and brushing my teeth. I will eat vegetables at school. If I drink milk it will make my bones grow stronger. This will help me do more sports. Happy New Years! By: Shy'Leah

My New Year Resolution is to brush my teeth. I will have shiny and clean teeth. I will accomplish it by cleaning up toothpaste when I'm done with it. I will count to the letter Z five times then I'm done with my brushing. I will brush my teeth three times a day. My teeth will be nice and clean and won't pull out in the New Year. By: Yasir

My New Year Resolution is to be more artistic. It is because I like art. I'm going to get white paper from my school. I have an art studio at home. I will create pictures. This is my New Year Resolution so when I grow up I can be an artist. Happy 2010! By: Julian

My resolution is I want to be safer. I don't want to get hurt but I want to be safer. I don't want to crash into a car or fall down and hurt myself. To be a safer person I am going to play safely and stay out of the road. I don't want to hurt anybody. That is my resolution for 2010. By: Hector

My New Year Resolution is to be honest. This is because it is a good thing to do. I want to tell the truth and be honest in 2010 and in my life. I also want to write better and be healthy in 2010. By: Joshua

